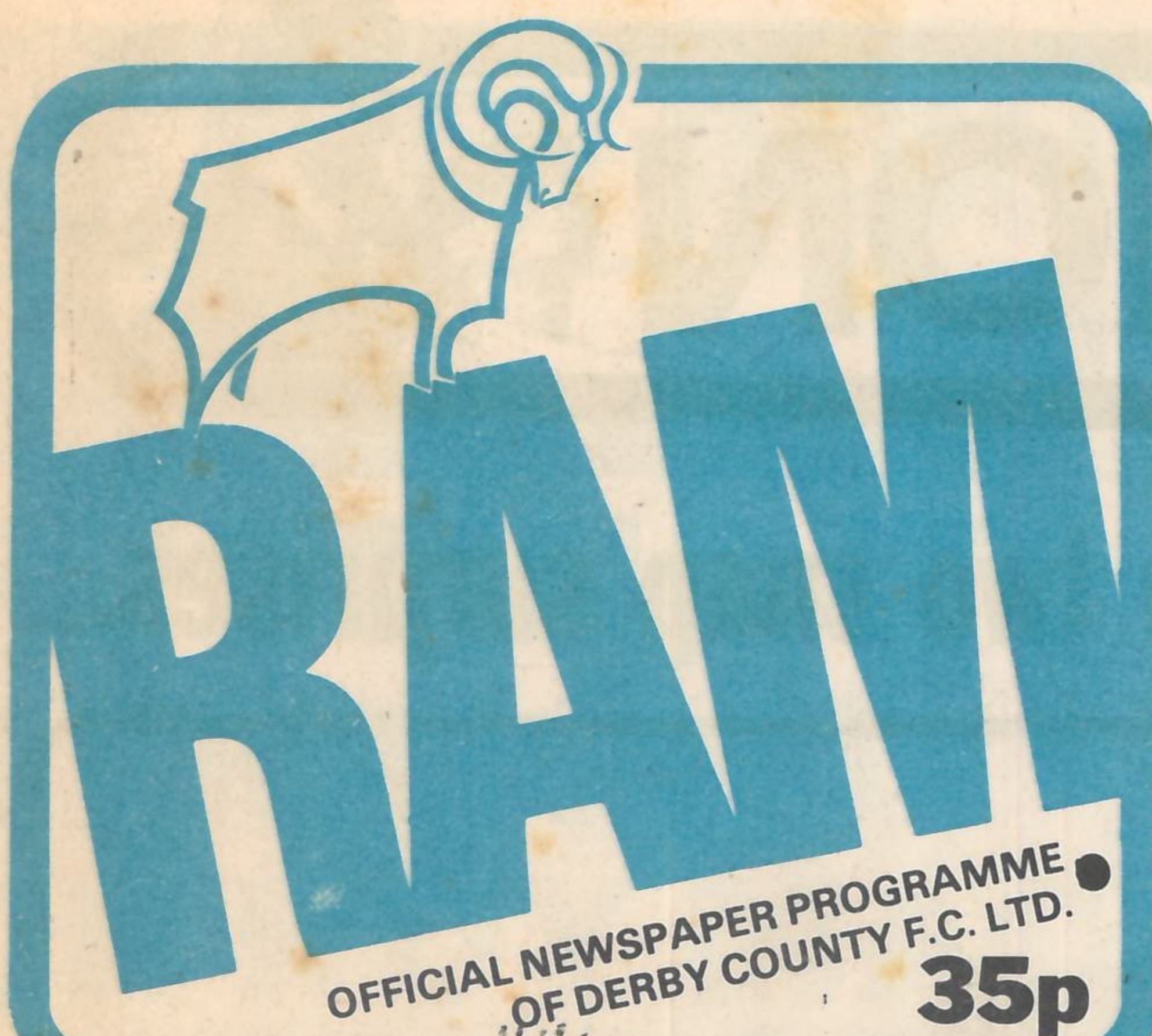




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LOOKING AT THAT ITV BLACKOUT ON DERBY COUNTY

A LEAGUE REGULATION WAS BROKEN, HOWEVER UNWITTINGLY, SO WE CAN'T COMPLAIN BUT ...

Are we the only ones in the sin bin?

OFFENDING JERSEY

FOOTBALL LEAGUE Regulation 61 was broken when Roger Jones wore his Patrick-sponsored Rams goalkeepers' jersey in front of ATV's cameras during our match here with Leicester City a week last Saturday. A breach of Regulation remains just that, however unwitting or unintentional. And Derby County must take the medicine.

The club would accept the rebuke uncomplainingly IF there did not appear to be one law for the European Champions, another for us.

For on the day ITV Sports Chief Gerry Loftus banned the Derby v Leicester match from the screens he allowed Ipswich-Liverpool to be shown.

Did any of the players from either side at Portman Road wear shirt advertising? They did not. But a shot of the Liverpool trainer was given screen time. He was wearing a track suit with the name HITACHI blazoned across it.

Just after the end of our Leicester game, when the news of the ITV ban was given to this club, ATV sports executive Gary Newbon told Derby County secretary Michael Dunford that ATV had received a Loftus directive that training and other club staff wearing advertising should be censored. So why were Hitachi, a Japanese motor company given the freedom of the screens? Where is the consistency?

A week ago tonight (Wednesday, September 16), the BBC banned the Minter-Sibson European Championship fight because Minter wore DAF Trucks advertising on his shorts. In an extended interview with Alan Hart, the BBC's Sports controller who issued the ban, BBC 2's *Newsnight* programme screened a long interview with Hart, during the course of which he asked:

WILL THEY EVER LEARN?

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY, would-be First Division aristocrats, were cut down to size by Derby's humble band of honest professionals.

Even Gary Megson's late headed equaliser could not disguise Wednesday's embarrassment.

They were so carried away with their 100 per cent start to the season that star forward Terry Curran—number of international caps notwithstanding—was announced to the crowd as the "England superstar".

It was the pride that comes before a fall. This Derby side have many of the virtues that made the club great in the Brian Clough era—conceded in five League

By JOHN TREVOR

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conceded in five League

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... REST WERE OKAY



"What would League football clubs have done next Saturday had we let this fight go ahead?"

Newsnight then reported ITV's decision to ban Derby from the screens at an estimated cost, they said, to ATV of some £15,000. They showed still pictures of Minter on the canvas with DAF Truck advertising blazing everywhere. When they screened Roger Jones he was wearing a jersey WITHOUT any advertising on it.

What have Hitachi and Daf Trucks got that they can get on to the screens and Patrick Sports cannot? Is it that Patrick are British and the other two foreign? In any case, for heaven's sake, where is the consistency?

A new CCPR committee to investigate all the mixed-up values of television sponsor advertising is to be chaired by former Labour Government Sports Minister Dennis Howell, ex League referee and MP. "The whole thing is in a terrible muddle", he told *Newsnight*. He can say that again.

Do you get the impression that Derby County have been made the fall guys following the Alan Minter boxing fiasco?



Little sign of the advertising as Roger Jones catches a cross as a Leicester forward runs in.

AN UNFORTUNATE ACCIDENT...

THE ROGER Jones incident was an accident, and not a premeditated flouting of League Regulation 61.

When Derby County were informed by the Football League on August 6 that the Leicester game would be screened by ITV we followed the normal procedure adopted by clubs. We informed ground advertising agent Harold Bermitz, who booked £5,000 extra in hoarding space from his clients.

1. Would we have allowed angry repercussions from this vital source of extra income, and risked Football League punishment, for the doubtful privilege of getting our shirt sponsors screen time?

2. Had it all been premeditated would not at least one representative of Patricks been at the

ground to see the grand tv unveiling? None was.

Our training staff were notified that sponsored jerseys and shirts were not to be worn for this match. Because of an unexplicable error the outfield shirts were the right versions. The goalkeeping jersey was not.

When the kit was hung up face inwards on the players' pegs there was no way that anyone could spot the error. Roger Jones has already explained he never puts on his jersey until the very moment the team runs on to the pitch for the pre-match kick-about. "Call it superstition, or habit, that's what I do." So nobody noticed the mistake in the dressing room.

Pre-match tension being what it is nobody noticed it on the pitch,

either. Until secretary Michael Dunford took his place in the directors' box. But, because his duties delayed his arrival, the match was six minutes old by then.

"I spotted it almost at once, and trainer Gordon Guthrie was sent to get a jersey that did not bear advertising on it, with instructions to wait until there was a stoppage in play before it was changed."

In the manager's opinion no such opportunity arose. But what about when Jones was injured and needed the trainer's attention? He had a nasty head wound and it was felt that any change then might have further disturbed him.

So the first opportunity was half time. The switch was made then.

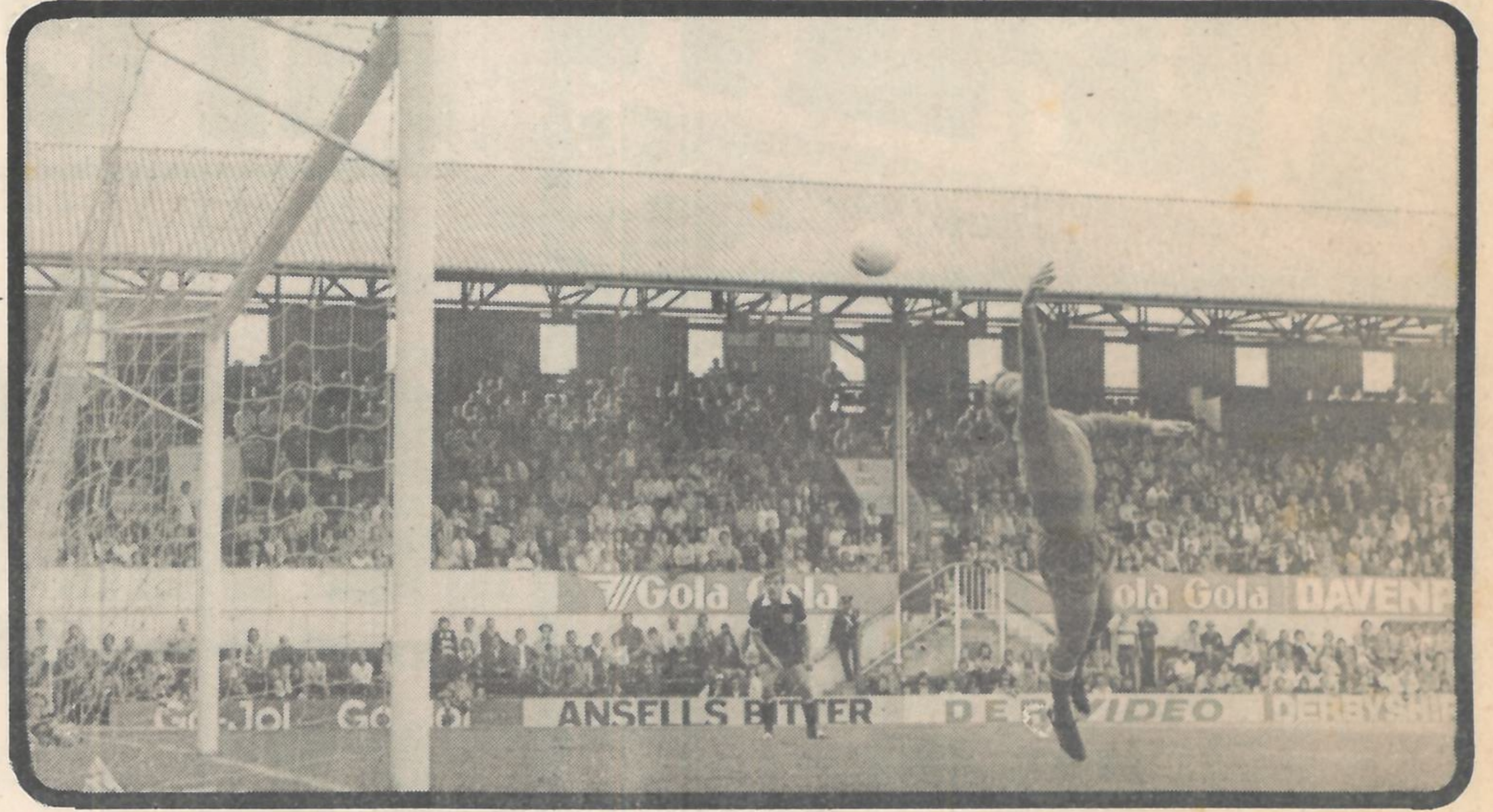
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ACTION REACTION

In our last home game Leicester were beaten by two snap surprises...



Running on to a rolled free kick Steve Buckley's 30-yard thunderbolt flies towards the roof of the net for goal two.



In a goalmouth scramble that followed a corner, determined Rams players forced a panic clearance which rebounded off Ramage for number 3.

...and one really cracking example of decoy play that set it all up

NOW IT'S VITAL TO KEEP IT GOING AT HOME

WHILE SOME critics were whining about relegation and sackings, both in print and on telly, in the week that followed the Shrewsbury debacle Derby County's management team kept cool.

Assistant manager John Newman demanded consistency, application and guts from the players. Colin Addison said: "The team must do my talking for me on the park." Against Leicester, they did.

But one swallow doesn't make a summer. Don't take isolated results to heart at this early stage of the season, win or lose or draw. Early pacemakers tend to fade, but early casualties do so often require bandages all season. That's the lesson history teaches us.

It also teaches us that without home form no team can do well. Away points complement those the successful pile on at home. Last season Rams won only nine home games and drew eight. They lost four. It cost them promotion.

As we go into tonight's home game, to be followed by Saturday's visit by QPR, it's fair to say we stand at the crossroads. Two scintillating performances like that against Leicester would firmly suggest Derby County will give us another good run for our promotion money.

Consistency is the ingredient Derby County have been lacking for so long. Capture that at the Baseball Ground, and performances on away grounds would be duly uplifted by the resulting confidence.

HOME PERFORMANCES WOULD NOT ONLY STIMULATE THE DOUBTERS, THEY WOULD ELECTRIFY THEM.



The opening fifth minute goal was a corker. Emery landed a flag kick perfectly to the near post where the climbing Swindlehurst cleverly headed it over the keeper.



In the process the well-rehearsed move decoyed defenders towards the near post and Hector (number 9) is left with a free header, though there is goal-line cover.



Perfectly directed downwards, the ball crashes into the net to the delight of Ramage and Swindles as Kevin lies prostrate.



But he's quickly up to celebrate as skipper Steve Powell looks towards the linesman just to make sure.

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SUFFICE TO SAY that this very good Leicester side were made to look mediocre for two-thirds of the game. They came back strongly after Melrose reduced the arrears at 63 minutes with a great shot after a nice build up. There were then occasions when they exposed Rams' defence, pulling people out of position by astute use of the ball and purposeful running. But the first half was Derby's, with goals from Hector (5 mins), Buckley (30) and Ramage (44).

What, then, was the basis of this much improved performance? A lot more determination, yes. The *Derby Telegraph* neatly summed up the rest: "The return of Barry Powell from Portland Timbers... he was effectively industrious, and constantly available to give the player on the ball an easy option".



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Great at Hillsborough: now keep it going, lads!



Two minutes gone and Emery plays a short corner back to Coop whose chip teases keeper Bolder and his defenders . . .



. . . and is reached by Man-of-the-Match Steve Powell who watches his header roll on into the net.

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JUST TWO minutes cost Rams two points. Wednesday equalised when a Curran cross eluded the defence to allow Megson to head home in the 88th minute. It was the only nip of daylight they had allowed the home side all afternoon in a great rearguard action.

Steve Powell and Alan Ramage were great in the air and Steve Buckley proved what a great full back he has become by bottling up Terry Curran, whom Jack Charlton is pushing for an England place. In this game he rarely touched the ball.

Barry Powell again showed how a summer in the States has improved him and they all battled unceasingly and could have only been inches offside when Swindles netted one that was disallowed. What a shame they lost it so late, after taking the lead in two minutes through Steve Powell. But it was a really fine performance, which suggested better days in store with this determination.

VIEWS DESK *



IT IS REPORTED that ATV spent around £14,000 to film our Leicester match which was subsequently banned from the screens. But need it have been blacked out completely?

Modern film editing techniques are so sophisticated that all sorts of weird and wonderful effects are seen on the home screens. Is it surprising, therefore that we ask why the small word *Patrick* on our goalkeeper's jersey need have been seen at all? It would have been indecipherable except in close up. And how often would that have been the case in a first half dominated by Derby, who scored three goals in the first 45 minutes of football as keen, clever and as exciting as any match could be.

This would have been a wonderful advertisement for English League football coming so soon after that desultory England World Cup disaster in Norway four days before.

Jones was rarely in the action in the first half anyway. Couldn't the advertising intrusion have been cut without any detriment to Leicester? ITV sports boss Gerry Loftus surely didn't have time to consider that, even if he had seen early 'rushes' of the transmission before his "kill" decision, which reached the Baseball Ground minutes after the final whistle. Wasn't this a hammer to crack a nut? Or was it felt that someone had to be made an example of?

Had a version of the game, additionally scissored to extract any advertising offence, been screened not only would football have been well served, but Derby County would have received really formidable and wholesome publicity following the tittle-tattle of recent weeks. But they would still have been accountable for breaking Football League Regulation 61.

The mystery deepens when one considers that Derby County were the subject of a bitter attack, brought on by the team's poor start to the season, on ATV's Friday night sports programme that weekend.

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Two local journalists, Gerald Mortimer of the *Evening Telegraph* and Neil Hallam who writes a Rams column in the *Derby Trader*, renowned for its hard-hitting criticism of the policies of several Rams' boards and managements, were given screen time.

We do not quibble with that. They are fully entitled to air their views. Derby County were given an invitation for the right to reply, but Colin Addison, who is insisting on playing down off-field publicity, and who turned down an interview in the *Ram* for just that reason, refused. Chairman Mr. Richard Moore also declined the invitation to appear.



ATV's well-known Gary Newbon (left) and the station's Head of Sport, former England centre half Billy Wright.

How right they were. We understand that much of what the journalists said was edited out by ATV. Whether what was left out meant that what was left in produced an unbalanced version of their opinions we do not know. And have no means of finding out. But we do know that a reference to an alleged "take-over bid" at the Baseball Ground by former Aston Villa chairman Doug Ellis, which has recently been given Derby Trader publicity and has since been prominently displayed in the *Telegraph* was left on the cutting room floor!

Is it just coincidence that had Leicester won, Derby County would have been under extreme pressure both at Board and management level? Is it just coincidence that Mr. Ellis happened to be a guest in one of our Executive boxes hired by a Derby travel firm for the day? And is it a coincidence that Billy Wright, head of ATV sport, happened to spend some time in that box during the match?

It may have been a string of coincidences. That we freely concede. But we can only wonder whether, had Leicester won, to leave Derby County flat on their faces, Mr. Ellis would have been invited to comment on the situation into the cameras. So leaving Rams with egg on their faces, too. Or is the possibility yet another coincidence?

Perhaps the opportunity will occur again. In that case ATV, in their turn, would have some explaining to do.



ATV commentator Hugh Johns (left) whose words were wasted. And the *Telegraph's* Gerald Mortimer, some of whose opinions may have been edited out.

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BEHIND THE SCENES



IT SEEMS TO ME that football is going to have to revise its opinions about the value of all-seated stadia... at least until we get rid of the hooligan fringe completely.

A handful of young nuts from Leeds, angered by their team's display in the 4-nil defeat at Coventry ten days ago vent their annoyance on the stand seats, ripping them out and using them as weapons against the police, who found it difficult to contain them, because Coventry is an all-seater stadium. They found it hard to get at the culprits who, from all reports, did a destructive job on their surroundings.

At the Baseball Ground now, restrictions impose a 32,000 limit on attendances (not likely to be stretched in these days of lower gates, alas). Exactly half of this accommodation is seating. I suggest we do not need to extend the seating capacity any further.

Nor do I think we have the existing pens for terrace spectators exactly right, either. Not in the light of current events with the deep economic recession in which the country finds itself. Half of our 16,000 standing places are in reserved areas:

4,500 are restricted to visiting supporters.

800 are reserved for Osmaston End standing seasons and 1,200 are reserved for the Pop-Side pen for season ticket holders.

But only 300 standing season tickets have been sold in the Ossie and Pop-side areas reserved for an anticipated 2,000 total.

They stand in roomy comfort while 9,000 pay-at-the-gate cash customers are crowded into what space is left. The trend, with money tight, is for more cash sales on the day among our standing support... with, consequently, fewer season ticket sales. It has completely upset the balance of space, as we have allocated it.

I BELIEVE that we as a club must watch this trend very carefully. If it continues as has been indicated during our first two home matches, then we shall have to seriously consider giving more priority to our cash-at-the-gate terrace following.

Up to date the Pop side has been packed for both games. "Like sardines" was the description of the crowd in this area for the Orient game when only just over 12,000 were in the ground. There was more room, but not so much more, for Leicester's visit when the gate rose to over 16,000.

Obviously some latecomers

It's the seats that empty first of all



STEVE SPOONER IN THE KICK-ABOUT AT SHREWSBURY, WATCHED BY ROWS OF EMPTY SEATS.

bought seats instead. Probably as many decided not to come at all, rather than re-live their "sardine tin" experience. Yet there were wide-open spaces in our reserved Pop side and Ossie End pens. Please don't blame us for this. It is a trend entirely new, but one which I assure our vociferous and loyal terrace support that we are very much aware of. Obviously, we cannot do anything about the situation overnight. Fencing is costly to erect, as costly to move about. You all know the cash isn't there for us to spend anyway.

Why have a reserved pen for 300, capable of holding 1200, when other fans are squeezed tight? The answer might be to use it as an overflow area for our own fans whenever the situation demands. I'd like to hear the views of any Popsider who might help us solve this unexpected complication.

Those with reserved seats might be excused for wondering what all the fuss is about. The fact is that the empty spaces we find in the

Baseball Ground today are mainly in the seated areas. Standing room on the pay-as-you enter terracing are almost filled to capacity. It suggests two lessons to me:

1. If a team is successful people will somehow find the money, even in a recession, to pay for seats. But even the successful clubs should beware of trying to make a "killing" with their price levels.

2. In less successful days the first casualties in the supporters' ranks come from the seats.

IN MY VIEW, and this piece is a personal rather than a club opinion, we have reached the upper limit in seat prices at the Baseball Ground. I believe that, considering the price of everything these days, admission prices here are reasonable. In my view, even if success came this season higher prices would not be justified in the present climate, when the Government are talking about a 4% wage



EMPTY SEATS IN THE BASEBALL GROUND CO-OP STAND BACKGROUND.

increase limit this winter, when some employees are even taking pay cuts, when hundreds of thousands have wage freezes, and three million are on the dole.

Football must realise its paying customers do not have a bottomless pit of cash reserves to fall back on to continue to support their team.

It is already evident that continued remarks from leading players that they seek to leave their clubs to "better themselves" elsewhere is alienating ordinary fans who pay their wages. The football supporter is continually asked to show loyalty to his club. Where is the loyalty of players? he is now asking. Something must be done quickly to stop this void developing.

I believe a we-will-peg-admission-prices-come-what-may decision, such as I advocate, is one preliminary and necessary step. But clubs need to do more to show fans they mean business, just as we did in the case of Steve Buckley.

As loyal a servant as you can imagine, Steve nevertheless felt that what we considered a very reasonable wage offer was not sufficient to entice him to re-sign for us when he became a free agent at the end of his contract last summer. He felt he could earn more elsewhere.

We let him get on with it. He found the grass was not, in fact, greener on the other side of the fence. Soon after the season started he re-signed for Derby County on exactly the same terms he rejected in May. To be fair to Steve he has resumed in our first team in brilliant fashion, and he has earned every penny he has picked up in wages.

Indeed, let it be said of the present Derby County squad that they are the most reasonable, helpful, and most loyal bunch we have had at the Baseball Ground in the 12 years I have worked here.

They go out of their ways to help any charitable effort they are asked to support, with never a penny demanded for their services. Nothing is too much trouble, except on the most rare occasion.

If it's a club effort then contracts demand their support but charities, supporters and other outside agencies other than commercial concerns, get their leisure time freely and willingly.

IT'S GOOD that this be so in both the city and county, to show that our players are not the money-grabbing characters their counterparts elsewhere so often give the impression of being. Our players want their rightful share of their due, make no mistake. Who of us is any different? But

not more than their rightful share.

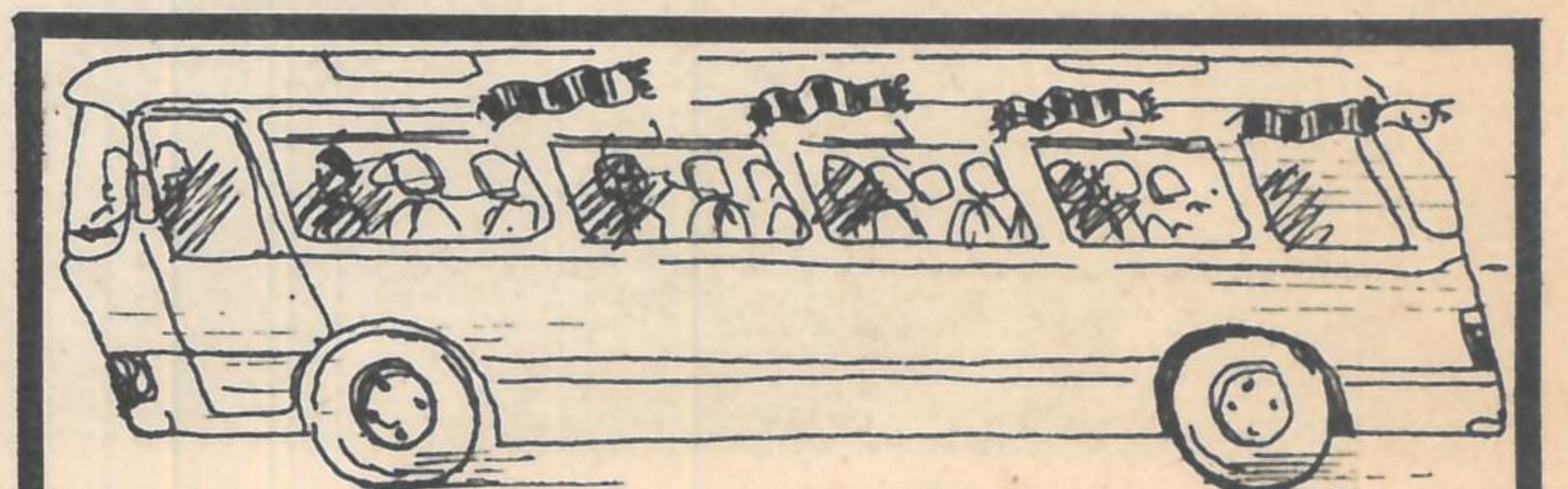
This is the image the game desperately needs to foster and develop, and I hope the Chairman of the Professional Footballers Association here playing tonight will get that message across to his members.

Those few at the top whose demands have brought the game into some disrepute should remember the debt they owe to their less illustrious colleagues, to the clubs who

nurtured them.

If the price of success means asking supporters to pay through the nose for it then I, for one, suggest we might be better off without it. Sour grapes?

Not at all. I want success without our fans having to be "milked" to get it. Everyone at the Baseball Ground is united in that ambition. But we cannot get it unless every club, whatever its status, makes the calculated decision to do exactly the same.



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'I want success without our fans having to be 'milked' to get it'

SILVER DIP WIN BRINGS IN AN UNEMPLOYED RAMS FAN FROM HOUNSLOW

MICKLEOVER exile Bernard Lomax now of Marvin Road, Hounslow, Middlesex, is a Rams' exile who plans to be here tonight to take a look at his favourite team ... even though he's been out of work for ten months.

Thanks to a Showboat, "Silver Dip".

Showboat is an amusement arcade in Hounslow's Staines Road, a spick and span spot, we hear, in contrast to some we know where they run prize bingo operations, space invaders and one-arm 'bandits.'

Bern spent an hour there one night recently and won the free bingo game. His prize entitled him to dip his hands into a tank of 50 pence pieces. Everything he pulled out was his in the "Silver Dip".

Wilf must have big hands for all his 18 years. When they counted his winnings, he had lifted £273.50.

He is, so we hear tell from his ma, spending some of it on a trip up here tonight, his first glimpse of the Rams this year. Let's know how you go, Bernie.

Now that's one way to get your admission money to the Baseball Ground! Rams fans



WE HAVEN'T A PICTURE OF BERN BUT HERE'S W.A. REYNOLDS OF YEW TREE LANE, HOUNSLOW WHO WON A BIG AMOUNT ON A RECENT SHOWBOAT SILVER DIP. Picture: Peter Clarke.

who want to try their luck might like to know there is a Showboat in the Spot in Derby and one in Green Lane. There's one at Institute Lane, Alfretton. There's one in Loughborough's Devonshire Square, too, and yet 2 more in Station Street and High Street, Burton-on-

Trent. The High Street in Ripley also boasts a Showboat.

US: WE'LL KEEP TRYING TO BEAT THE BANDIT AT CRISPY'S IN SOUTH WING-FIELD. BUT WE HAVEN'T A HOPE THERE OF GETTING ENOUGH TO STAND OUTSIDE LET ALONE ON THE POPSIDE!

**Save your
vouchers**

YOU'D BE wise to save your Ram back-page vouchers. Should we get a fine League Cup run this season, despite last year's beaten finalists West Ham, or one in the FA Cup, they'll come in more than handy.

Secretary Michael Dunford tells us: "If we get a game where there is a ticket shortage Ram voucher holders will get priority behind season ticket holders. That I will promise every reader".

So make sure you have a complete set. Don't say you weren't warned if it happens and you're locked out. We want our hard-core fans to get tickets, not the band-waggon jumpers.

Michael also promised: "We'll have a draw sometime in the New Year. Everyone who presents a full voucher set will get his or her name in the draw for 12 people to be the Ram's guests in an Executive Box".

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It's a great day out. It will all be yours free if your name is drawn out. All you have to do is to collect the vouchers.

PS: If Rams get to a Cup final you'll curse yourself for ever if you miss a Voucher chance for a certain ticket. Yes, we did say IF...

Graham puts Rams before glasses or girlfriends

IF ANYONE has found a pair of gold-rimmed spectacles in a brown case in, or anywhere round, the Baseball Ground please hand them in at the club offices and take the "if" out of the life of a dedicated teenaged Normanton End season ticket holder.

Graham Allen of Hollins Farm, Holloway, can't see more than a couple of yards without glasses. Now he's lost his £70 pair. He has only an old, spare pair to keep him going.

"I've had three pairs broken at football matches in the last three years", he told us. "Not aggro, you understand. Just me and others getting excited when we score, and them getting knocked off. It's easily done".

IF it happens before either Graham gets another pair, or gets these back, he won't be able to see a ball kicked. IF it happens then he won't be able to see to drive, what Rams here or on telly if they're ever asked again, take a girl friend out, or read the Ram.

He lost them at the Orient

match, "somewhere between the Normanton Barracks area where he parked his car and the ground. His brothers Mark (24) and Garth (17) who are season ticket holders with him reckon he dropped the case on the way to the ground.

Last Wednesday he was due to drive a girl friend for the day to Blackpool. "IF I get this pair broken at the Leicester match that trip is out", he told us when he came to ask us to publicise his loss. "I put Rams before any bird", he said grimly. The glasses weren't broken, and he went. But IF they break tonight, he's had it.

This engaging young Rams fan deserves your help. If you know where the specs are, cough up please lads.

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BASEBALL GROUND AND AROUND ... BY HARRY BROWN

Wednesday ready to go top of the pops

SUCH was the media build up of Sheffield Wednesday before last Saturday's match I am surprised Addo, Newman and the lads had the temerity to turn up at Hillsborough.

"I am frightened for the Rams", said Radio Derby's commentator seconds before the kick off. Working at home on today's issue, with Friday morning's full-sized edition for the QPR game due to come off the presses tomorrow (Thursday evening) I hardly felt like carrying on churning out my stuff. Serious, that.

Blank pages stared at me, so did the Daily Mail headline I reproduce above. Wednesday were as good as promoted, that was the

SO, WILL THEY EVER LEARN?

message. The Sun had said the same, so did all the other papers I looked at.

An hour or so earlier on the telly the BBC's Bob Wilson had bumbled lavish praise on Wednesday, mentioned their 100% record with no goals against, and gave the impression their march to Division One was as good as completed.

He made no mention at all of Wednesday's opponents of the day, Derby County. Lambs to the slaughter, that was the impression.

Well, Colin Addison's lads didn't get the message.

Only two minutes separated them from three points and a great win. But that fighting draw suggested more to me than merely emphasising the belief in this season which I wrote when we looked flat out after Shrewsbury.

After watching Derby's first three games of 1981-2 it would take a brave man to say that this squad is one of the best in Division Two. But I can, and I will.

It makes me wonder just what has happened today to the values of objectivity and common sense that journalists in my day obeyed, or were cast out.

This contemporary "instant verdict" rubbish we have attacked already this season, with damned good reason. And the advice not to go overboard on a couple of results applies equally forcibly after good, as well as bad, returns.

Rams have a long way to go before they prove to be the promotion candidates I suspect they really are.

Take a tip from me, whatever the week-by-week results from this night on ... ignore the extreme judgments, whether fair or foul.

IN FOOTBALL THERE IS ALWAYS ANOTHER DAY, ANOTHER NIGHT. NO-ONE WILL EVER CHANGE THAT, EITHER WITH THE PEN OR THE CAMERA.

No comment

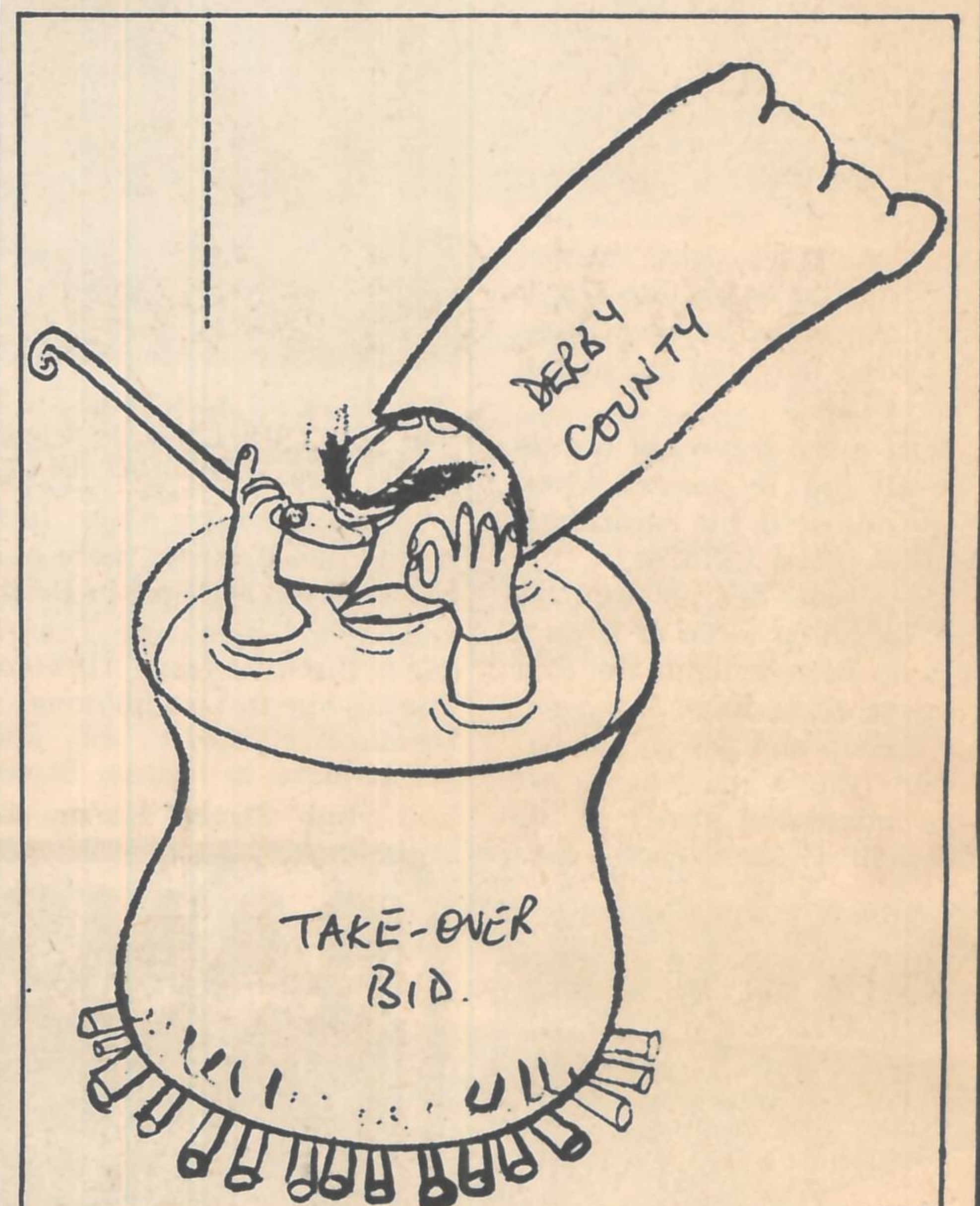
NO COMMENT about all the take-over bid reports and comment? None. If and when I get an official statement from Derby County FC, then I'll publish it. My job is to report the activities on the field and in the dressing room, on the terraces and in the stands ... in other words, to promote Derby County.

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Did anybody think how Colin Addison and John Newman must have felt at Hillsborough last Saturday after the turmoil reports locally, and on ATV, the night before? Then the Sunday Express splashed their back page with it.

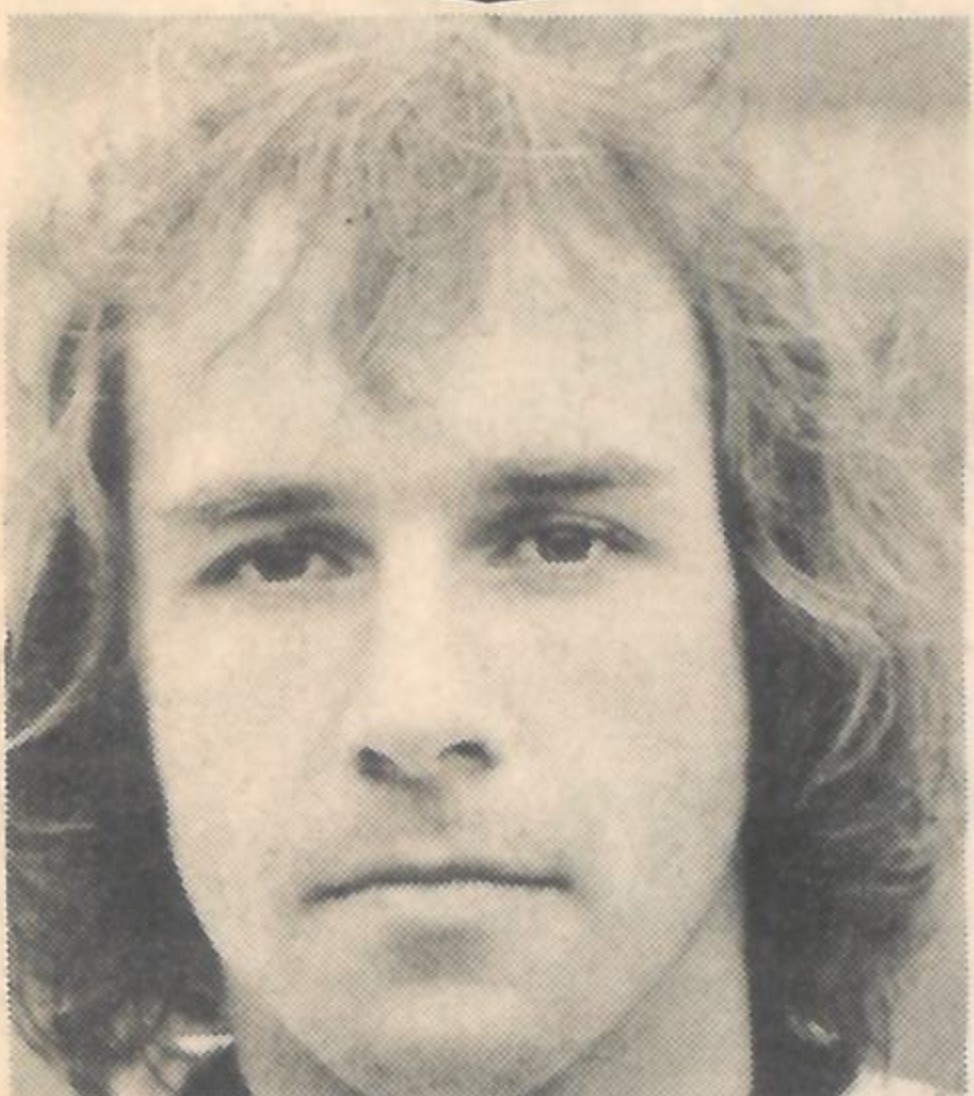
They gave the answer on the pitch. As far as they are concerned they'll face the situation when it happens. That's good advice for the rest of us.

Meantime, laugh like I did, at the cartoon below, received yesterday morning. Wish the cartoonist had given his name and address, but for once I'm sure you'll forgive me for publishing an anonymous letter.



"They reckon I'm in the soup. Right, so I'm eating it!" — Sent in by Shareholder, Ley Stand.

Birthday Boy



RAMS' Club captain Steve Powell was 26 last Sunday. "It was my happiest birthday for years," he said.

And why not. The day before he had scored at Sheffield, played a tremendous captain's part in a defence we all thought suspect, but which was tremendous. The 1-1 draw proved Steve right when he said this squad was good enough to go up. He didn't say they would, mind.

"There's real determination among the lads. We may not be the best team I've ever played in in a Rams jersey, but they're good enough for the job we have to do. I believe that."

Can they break the Cup duck for Addo?

DERBY COUNTY have never won a Cup tie under Colin Addison. Twice they've been bundled out of the FA Cup by Bristol City, while QPR and Middlesbrough have dashed League Cup hopes.

And all at the first hurdle in the two years since he has been at the helm. Can the team break that duck this time?

They could hardly have a tougher task than that which will surely face them in the shape of West Ham United in the first leg of this year's League Cup Second Round tie at the Baseball Ground a fortnight tonight.

It wouldn't be so difficult was it a one-off tie against the current First Division leaders. But this round is two legs, home and away. And that visit to Upton Park in the second stanza on October 28 will hang heavy unless Rams can get the sort of lead they achieved against Hammers in the League last season when they beat the eventual Second Division champions here by

two-nil on November 26. Hammers reversed it all with a 3-1 win at Upton Park on December 20, with two late goals which stressed their class.

One thing is for sure: there ought to be a big gate here on October 7. The Hammers are bonny Cup fighters these days, with last year's narrow replayed League Cup Final defeat by Liverpool to remind us they won the FA Cup in 1980, 1975 and 1963. Bonny's the word, for sure.

Surprisingly, Derby County have never met West Ham in the League Cup, and only once in the FA Cup. That was in the 1923 semi-final, when the Londoners won 5-2 at Stamford Bridge and went on to the first ever Cup Final at Wembley which they lost 2-nil.

The only other time Rams have met the Hammers in a trophy competition was in the 1975 Charity Shield, between Derby's League champions and

the West Ham Cup winners. Rams won 2-nil.
ROLL ON, OCTOBER 7.

THOUGHT FOR TONIGHT

SO IT WAS an easy pre-season tour that caused Rams' horror start to the season? Yes, the Ram suggested it too, among others. Take their match against Finnish Champions of OPS Oulu on August 14. Derby County won 3-nil after a game the night before in Sweden, and a 200 mile coach journey that didn't get them into town until mid-afternoon.

Liverpool played at Oulu last Wednesday in the European Cup, and just scraped home by a Kenny Dalglish goal a few minutes from the end. One-nil.

Football is daft, innit?

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NEWS DESK



**GIVE A BIG CHEER
THE CRICKETERS
OF DERBYSHIRE**

Gatecrashers warned

ALTHOUGH A BIG success, the new Family Viewing seating area at the Osmaston End of the Baseball Ground would be more popular yet was it not for a few loud-mouthed intruders whose aim is to bait visiting fans just a few yards away. That's what Derby County believe.

The unruly are warned: "This area has been set aside exclusively for families. In the immediate pre-match

Stay out of the family viewing area, lads

rush, it's hard for our staff to monitor everyone who buys a ticket for these seats. Some of the more unruly young element have been slipping through.

"Their aim is to harass and jibe the visiting fans, but they are also upsetting our own supporters who have bought seats there in family units. They go there to get

away from the noisy element, and that's what the Family Viewing area is for. That's why we established it".

Michael Dunford warns: "From tonight anyone indulging in visitor-taunting, or any sort of unruly behaviour, will be instantly ejected by the police at our request".

THEY WILL ALSO BE BLACK LISTED. IF THEY ARE SPOTTED AT THE BASEBALL GROUND, SUB-

SEQUENTLY, THEY WILL BE REFUSED ADMISSION.

Youths who abuse the system can expect nothing else. We want true Derby County supporters in this Area... not the "co-called" variety, who bring nothing but discredit on to the club and the game.

BE WARNED. PLEASE.

EVEN THOUGH they hve a few end-of-season staff hitches, our friends from Derbyshire County Cricket Club have accepted an invitation to come here tonight to parade the NatWest Knock-Out Trophy to our fans. We hope skipper Barry Wood will have most of his triumphant team here with him. Their sensational win in the Final at Lord's ignited the whole of Derbyshire. It was thrilling, it was wonderful, it was a tonic. Congratulations, Derbyshire.

We know the Baseball Ground fans will give you a tremendous reception when you come out to be introduced some ten minutes before tonight's kick off. And thanks for coming.

No thanks

New ticket offices cut down the irritations

ONE OF the most successful innovations at the Baseball Ground this season has been the new 'back-up' ticket offices at Normanton and Osmaston ends installed specifically to serve patrons in those areas.

"With the main ticket office in Shaftesbury Crescent serving all other areas, we have found queues and irritating delays cut to the minimum", says secretary

Michael Dunford. "Which is the aim of the exercise".

But there have been some minor delays at the Osmaston end office. The window has been

widened in readiness for tonight's match against Bolton, to allow space for two ticket operators. One will handle all Family Viewing area customers exclusively.



Whenever he hears the call from charity, Rams' skipper Steve Powell is there to help... as he was last week at Remploy's Alfreton factory for the disabled. "I count my blessings and do what I can to help the less fortunate", he said as he tried out work on the bench. Well done, sir!

Ram shop

THE OTHER innovation which has gone down well is the new Ram newspaper shop in the wall next to the main ticket office. "People who don't order from their newsagent, or cannot because Rams are not sold in their areas, have often complained that when they are in a hurry to get into the ground they can't find a seller", says the Secretary.

"Now they can go straight to the Ram shop and get one. Usually, immediately. There is very little delay, especially if people have the right money."

Right cash

THE CLUB'S pre-season appeal for supporters to have the exact admission cash ready at the turnstiles and ticket offices has found a good response.

"But the few who still want change are holding us up a bit", says Mr. Dunford. So, we appeal again: have the exact cash ready if you can. Please.

DAM BUSTERS HERE AGAIN

HAVE YOU NOTICED the new music which greets the Rams' team when they run out pre-match? New tune? Not quite.

It's the theme music from the RAF film, the *Dambusters*. It was the Rams' signature tune for a long time before it was suddenly dropped. Nobody can remember why.

Now it's back. For some time we have received an increasing number of requests for us to bring back the *Dambusters*. "We played it to Colin Addison and John Newman, and they liked it. So it's back", says Michael Dunford. Hope you like it...

SOCCER ON THE NEVER- NEVER: NEW MOVE

See next
Saturday's
Ram

On sale in the
shops Friday
morning

DON'T MISS THIS

American boy will show his box of tricks tonight

A 13 YEARS OLD boy will be out on the Baseball Ground on his own tonight before the match. Or maybe during the interval. At Press time we weren't quite sure when.

But whenever he appears he sure to be there to greet Shane Amsler, American boy from Richmond, Virginia. He's something special.

He can make a ball talk. He has kept a ball in the air for 40 minutes, juggling it without hands from instep to shoulder and head, in an incessant crescendo of moves that left us dizzy when he demonstrated privately for Colin Addison this week at Raynesway.

"He's so good he must be seen by the English public," said the Derby manager. That's why Shane is here tonight.

We heard about him because of the publicity given last week by the *Derby Trader*. They said the boy, a keen soccer enthusiast whose dad is head coach to the USA soccer club Richmond Strikers had been told that England was supreme in soccer.

But he had been let-down, said the *Trader*, by England in Norway, and by Rams against Orient. So we asked him down to see us at work.

Shane, you see, is in England for a spell of four months to



Shane Amsler as pictured in the *Derby Trader* last week.

enhance his soccer education... sent by his soccer-made father. He is living in Belper, with FA staff coach John Bramley, and is a pupil at Parks Middle school in the town. Before long he returns to Richmond USA. But not before he shows us his tricks. "I haven't seen an English boy to compare with the lad", says Addo. "I think he'll make a soccer player, without any doubt".

Our coaching staff, we understand, felt that Shane would have a good chance to make the grade over here. But, no chance. His dad wants him back. "Soccer is going to catch on in the States", says the American boy. "And I want to be part of it, to play for my country".

But the boys back in Richmond still play baseball or American football in their breaks... except for two or three. "Soccer is beginning to make ground in our area, but only slowly", Shane says. "That's why my pop sent me here to learn. I spend hours on my own at home practising with the ball. That's why I have a programme of tricks. Over here I just play soccer. It's great".

Shane can give us all a few lessons on the ball. He proves what can be done by a soccer-crazy lad on his own. Don't miss his appearance here tonight. And be kind to him, he's only 13, and he's bound to be nervous.

Make it a night for him to remember back home in Richmond, Virginia in the US of A...

PLAYER'S PLATFORM

Barry needed a new spark and the Americans gave him one

AS HIS CAREER at the Baseball Ground zips back into gear after his summer with Portland Timbers in the U.S.A. Barry Powell admits: I needed a new spark.

Everybody knows Barry had a tough time of it, form-wise last season. Nothing came off for him until the dying weeks.

He made it happen, by sheer force of character. Upset by the boo-boys, he never let it show. At one stage he admits he wondered whether he was "over the hill", years before his 30th birthday.

"Then, suddenly I found a flicker. Over the last few weeks of last season I started to play better. The anxiety began to lift. I began to wish the season wasn't going to end so quickly, because for me it was only just starting".

When the offer for his services came in from the American club Portland Timbers he saw heaven-sent opportunity to clear his mind of lingering doubts. "I felt I needed hard work and constant football to regain top form. I discussed the situation with the Boss and John Newman and they advised that. Although they would normally advise any player to rest in the summer, in my case then suggested I went to Portland.

So Barry went. Football in the States has changed a lot

since he last played there a few years ago. "The standard is a lot higher and it was great to find world stars like the great Alberto Cubillas among the opposition American players, too, have improved. Now every team must include three "natives", and next season four".

Soccer is catching on fast, he insists, despite some problems in some areas. It is spreading in schools and colleges, especially where there are League teams.

"The crowds at League games support this. We averaged 15,000 at Potland and the top clubs were getting 40,000. One crowd at a Play-Off game topped 53,000".

The standard? Top Second/bottom of First Division standard in England. "It all served to sharpen me up, and do me power of good. My manager Vic Crowe, a former Villa boss, really put us through it in training. It must have worked because since my return everyone has pointedly remarked how much better I look."

But when the season started here Barry found he was itching to get back across the Atlantic, became anxious for his American contract to end. "I was really upset when

I heard the Orient result, and crossed my fingers for the trip to Cambridge because I remembered only too well what a bogey team they proved to us last year. When news of the win arrived I felt sure Orient had been one of those things, and Rams were on their way. Just before I flew back I heard about the thrashing at Shrewsbury. It upset me".

When he reported at Raynesway just a fortnight ago the lads were going through the hoop. "I wondered what it was going to be like against Leicester. Would players be hiding? But no, everybody showed right through the game and we came out of it with credit.

"I was pleased with my own performance because things are beginning to happen that hadn't happened for a long time. If I get my career right back on the rails, then I'll put it all down to my American summer. They've given me a new spark."

Given the breaks, he insists, Rams will be back up there again at the end of the season. "Everyone here wants First Division football. That's what we're working for."

Footnote: He has only one complaint since his return. "The Ram spelled my name Barrie. It's Barry". Check.

HUNDRED YARD FLASH!



Confidentially Speaking —



ALTHOUGH he was an athlete at Writtingham Grammar School, Grimsby, where he was a pupil until he was 18 Paul Emson never competed in speed events. Always longer, and cross country.

Now a vital part of his assets as a footballer is his speed on the ball. But how fast is he over 100 yards? He couldn't tell us. "I've never run a 100 metres or 100 yards event.

Nor have I ever been timed", he told us. "I've never tried to force pace. It comes naturally".

But he agreed to be timed over 100 yards in front of Ram cameraman Peter Clarke. It was after the end



of a stiff training session at Raynesway, so Paul wasn't snap fresh. Stopwatch in hand was reserve coach Richie Norman (left).

"He went through at 11.2 secs on the watch, but I'm sorry. I was slow stopping it. It was bit quicker than that. He really was shifting, was Paul".

So how fast was Paul really going? "Try it again Paul", urged Richie. "No thanks", Paul grimaced. "That time will do for me". And for us.

Why I go on "the lurk" at corners

THERE WERE THOSE WHO FELT STEVE EMERY MIGHT FADE OUT OF SIGHT WHEN MICK COOP WAS SIGNED FROM COVENTRY, AND THERE WAS NO PLACE FOR HIM WHEN THE SEASON OPENED.

But a poor start, with midfield offering the team little, led to Emery's recall. In a middle-of-the-park spot.

"It's a completely different job. At full back you are much more exposed.

"My duties allow more scope, more movement both forward and back. Full back has a rigid defensive requirement job. If you're pulled out of position the fire bells start ringing. Attacking full backs like I was are really at risk."

STEVE EMERY EXPLAINS



Steve surges through from right side midfield.

He says he is lucky Mick Coop is behind him. "He is an attacking full back, too. If he surges forward I can drop back with confidence

that he can do my job and I can do his."

Although Emery had midfield experience at Hereford in Division Two,

and at the Baseball Ground when he first came, he has always been regarded as a full back first and foremost. Now he is trying to develop the greater midfield freedom which he enjoys.

"The goal I hit at Cambridge was a big booster. I love taking a crack at target, while I have always been a pretty accurate crosser of the ball." But he doesn't rate himself in the air, though he's working on it.

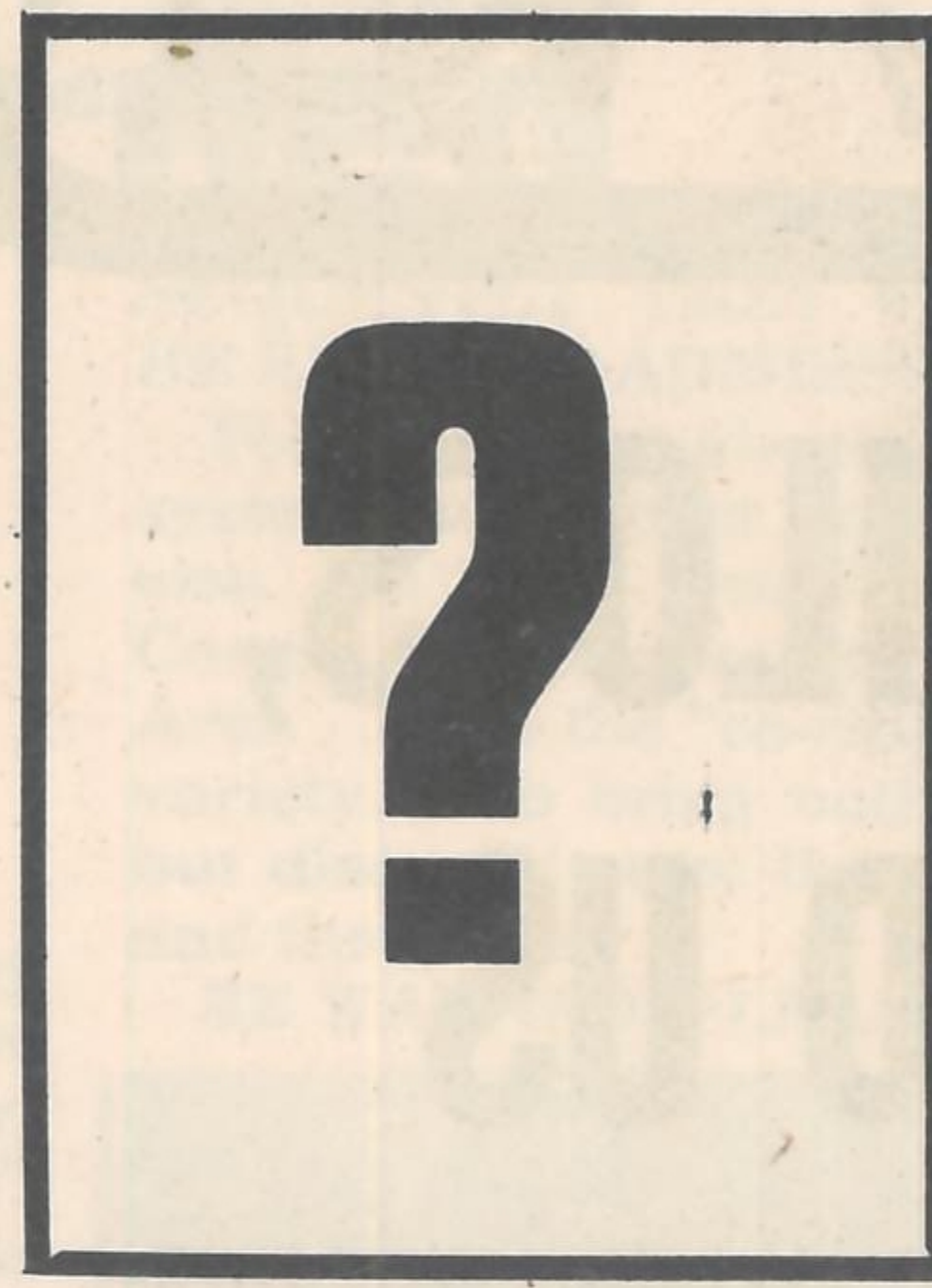
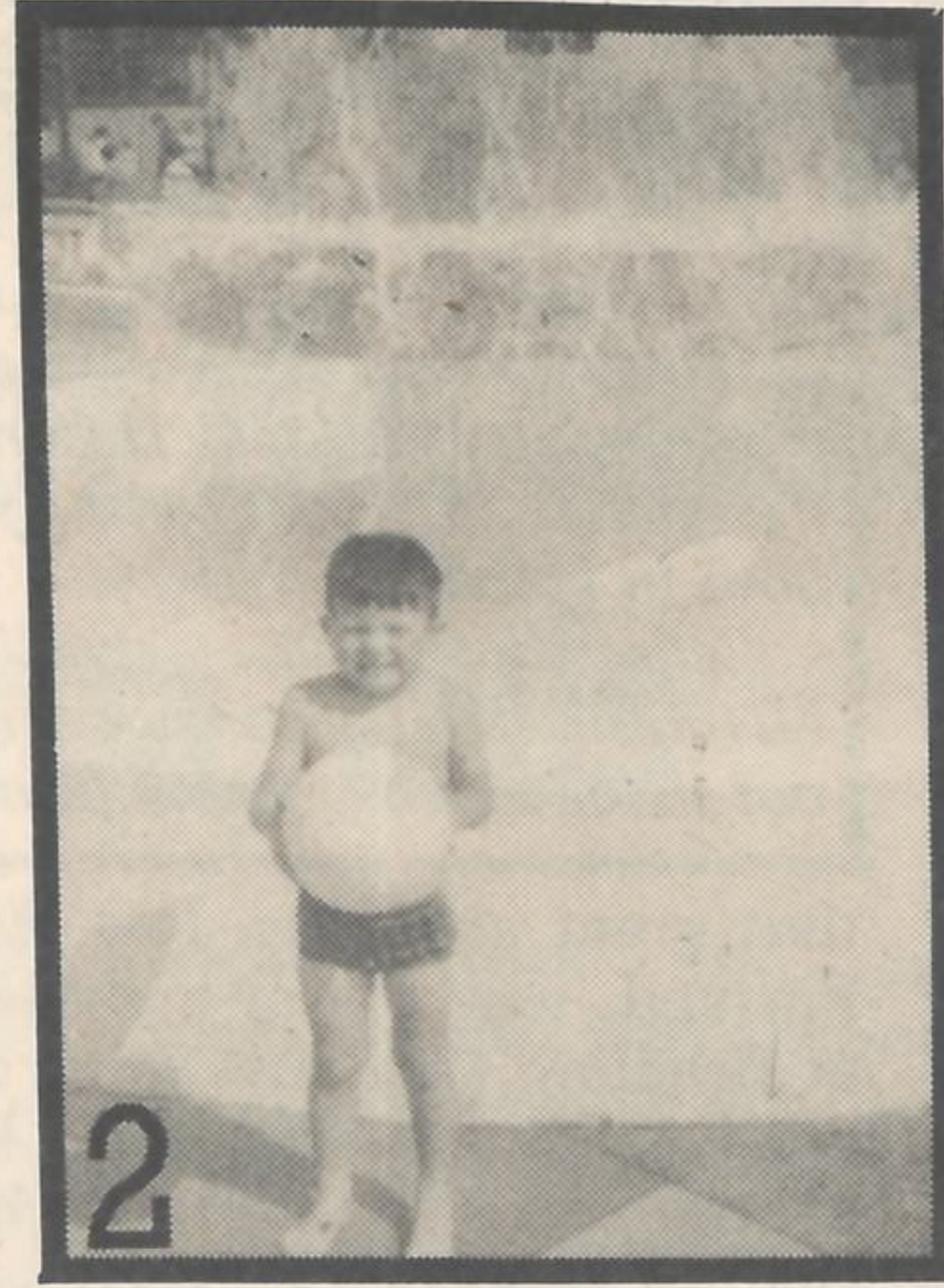
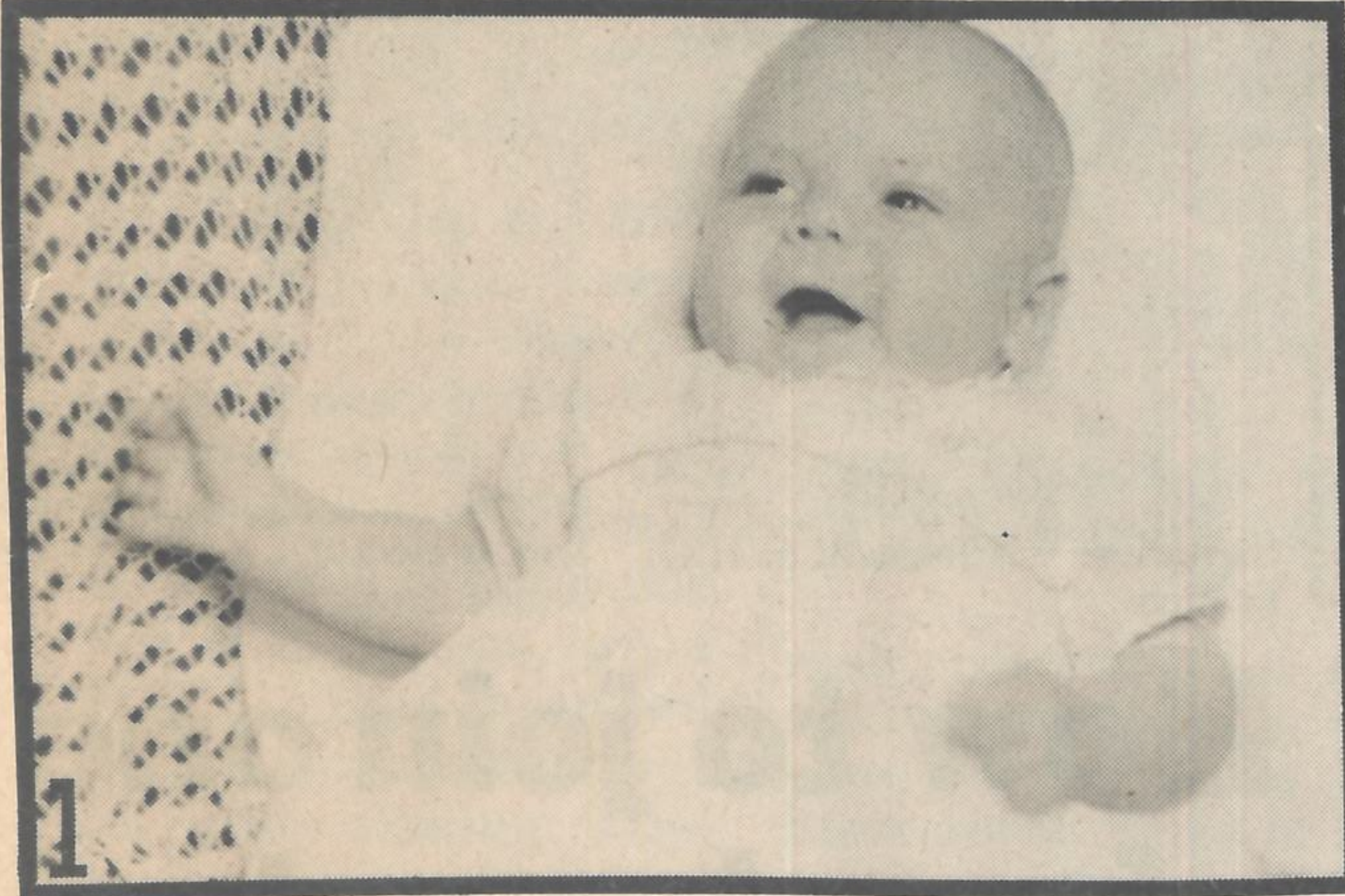
That's why you won't find him normally in the box at corners or set pieces. "My job is to lurk around looking for the one to hit, and I can hit 'em a bit".

It won't be for want of enthusiasm if Steve Emery doesn't make a pretty useful fist of his new role.



The "New" Barry Powell

Pictures from whose



IT'S HARD TO IDENTIFY HIM AS A BABY, A BOY...OR AS A LAD, WE CONFESS



Our man was a baby in his cot (Pic. one above) as a three-year-old at Pontins, Filey (Pic. two), as a four-year-old in the back garden (Pic. three) and as a ten-year-old schoolboy (Pic. four).

Pic. five (left) shows him as a member of the Longland Under 15 cricket XI (front row, extreme left) and Pic. six (below) has him playing water polo in Jersey. That's him going for the ball as usual.



OR AS A YOUNG CRICKETER WHO ALSO EXCELLED AT WATER POLO IN JERSEY



But when he grows into a man...



Now his car (pic 7) proclaims a Middlesbrough footballer and Yorkshire cricketer. Above: he proudly shows off his County cap.

It all adds up to Alan Ramage, who scored his first ever Rams' goal against Leicester



ALAN RAMAGE, who joined Rams from Middlesbrough a year ago, and who gave up a sensational season seaming the ball for Yorkshire on July 27 to join his Derby County team-mates in a pre-season training to ensure maximum soccer fitness. He is a key central defender now that Roy's gone.

His tough, uncompromising play earns him rebukes. "I play it hard," he says. "It's my style. Opponents play it hard against me, and no mistake." This popular, jesting Yorkshireman, the idol of the Popside, celebrates (above) his first-ever goal for the club against Leicester here ten days ago.

Supporters Club News

— by Ernie Hallam



STEEPLE JACKS, PILOTS, PUBLICANS ... AND US

WHAT HAVE all the above, and more besides, all got in common? It's pretty obvious to me they are all high insurance risks. Especially football supporters.

So how do we Rams fans get lumped into this category? Okay, so you went to Shrewsbury? You weren't involved in a road accident or any inflammatory situation with rival fans?

You fought off both a deep depression and suicidal tendencies after that shocking result? Your marriage survived the morose despondency you paraded all weekend? But, maybe, you fell off the step ladder getting something for the wife out of the loft? **One of our fans did.**

Or, maybe shifting a cobweb or two, or something, you were so wrapped up in gloom that you fell down and sprained an ankle because you weren't concentrating on what you were supposed to be doing? **One of our unhappy fans did.**

Okay, so time is a wonderful healer, and it began to work wonders for you to forget the butterflies in time for the next

WHAT HAVE WE ALL GOT IN COMMON?

game, which happened to be against Leicester here ten days ago. But, after all, Leicester are the bookies favourites to win promotion, so perhaps you did retain a colly-wobble or two?

Nevertheless that gloom and despondency began to disappear with the anticipation of a good game, and a good result? Maybe your anticipation was so great you forgot to look both ways and was so near to being knocked over by a bus that it actually brushed you? **It happened to one of our fans.**

Now, you see, blood pressure, apoplexy and heart problems might all be induced by the approach of another game. I hope none of them affected any of our fans, but who knows? Certainly there were many racing pulses, and many were the lads who chivvied wives before the match because they weren't ready yet and so a half hour's nerve-numbing chat and drink at the local was lost. **That did happen to one of**

our supporters, at least.

But you, my friend, probably got away with all that. You escaped all the hazards and malady risks faced by a football supporter. You came through unscathed, to revel in the exciting demolition of Leicester and you went to Sheffield in a happy frame of mind? **Hope you're still in it.**

But the torments weren't over for the Chairman, secretary and committee of one of our branches at least.

The poor b-----s, like you, thought they had built up an immunity to all the afore mentioned risks and tribulations. But the poor secretary, and as many of his committee as he can contact, are going to get an ulcer.

The branch function they have spent hours planning and organising so well suddenly has a bomb planted in the dead-centre middle of their ace attraction. The manager of a Football League club who is due as their guest speaker suddenly can't make it, quite legitimately.

You can't imagine it happening? It happens all the time, friend, to one branch or another. The latest incident was the much-publicised social event staged by **Castle Donington** branch at which

ME AND MY crowd of Popsiders, who travel on the Roadrider to away matches would have liked to have been at Castle Donington next Saturday. After all, we rehearsed for the occasion in booing and other defamatory noises. But we simply have to be at the QPR match.

I refer to the marriage of my Boo Club leader at C.D., Jeremy Rogers, who weds another of our fans, Deborah Yeomans. We'll be with you both in spirit.

Let's hope this wedlock business won't mean we shall not see as much of you in future.

that great attraction Roy McFarland, now player-manager at Bradford City, was going to receive a presentation in honour of his service to Derby County. It was all shot down.

Unavoidably, because Roy (so determined to be there he had underlined the date in his diary a month earlier) found himself in the unenviable position of having to play a match. And that obviously over-ruled all objections.

Tough, mighty tough, but life itself is very much a story of improvisation, isn't it. So to you, secretary Michael Varty and all your fellow branch secretaries, my message is clear. Take out some life assurance now ... that is, if the ulcer hasn't got you already. Because it will!

Just another twist of the stomach ... a Reserves game against Stoke was dated for the same night, a week last Monday, and Derby County Promotions had scheduled an agents' meeting after the game. A pretty kettle of fish all round.

And one of the committee's stalwarts who always carries a share of the load, couldn't help much as she is preparing to emigrate to Canada. I refer to Mrs. Barbara Bull who is joining her daughter's family out there and who is already being missed. Thanks for a job well done, Barbara, it looks as though you'll just escape that ulcer, unless pining for the Rams and the action at C.D. branch bring it on anyway.

Branch Presidents



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Kevin Hector ... President at South Peak.

How to join one of our branches

IF AND WHEN you're a little downhearted, there is no better place to cheer yourself up than at a Rams Supporter's Club function.

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LIAISON OFFICER: Ernie Hallam, c/o Baseball

Ground, Derby.

ROUND THE BRANCHES/DIARY

South Peak box a way to luxury...

FULL MARKS to South Peak branch for enterprise. They have booked a Baseball Ground executive box for members who would like to sample high/style soccer watching for the match against Sheffield Wednesday next January 30.

They tell me they anticipate this won't be their only sniff of luxury, and I am reminded that any group of supporters fancying the VIP treatment for any special occasion can apply for one of the boxes from club secretary Michael Dunford.

You'll find out that a group of you can hire one for a single match at a reasonable one-off expenditure. It's real luxury, I can tell you.

South Peak have entered two teams for this year's Donington inter-branch sports quiz tournament.



South Peak Chairman Bill Brownson.

There's brains for you. Come on the branch who argue they haven't sufficient quiz material for one team ... it's all good fun. It's not the

winning, but the taking part.

Like Belper, who eagerly offered to supply a team to meet other clubs' supporters teams on the mornings of our fixtures with them. They took on Shrewsbury's supporters two Saturdays ago, and lost 9-nil after trailing by only one at half time. "A hotly-disputed penalty set the home side rattling and our lads were rather relieved to hear the final whisper," reports Belper treasurer J. Hodgkinson.

Afterwards Belper were entertained grandly by the Shrewsbury party and a great time was had by all, as well as some new friendships firmly cemented. That's what real football supporting is all about. Praise to the team and two subs: Tim Noble, Richard Phipps, Nick Wright, Paul Beresford, Anthony Storr, Phil Bott, Stephen Crowder, Fraser Shaw, Mark Woodward, John Hodgkinson, Gary Tomlinson, Paul Sladden and Andrew Sheldon.

Alfreton branch are running coaches at all Rams matches. Inquiries to Leabrooks 605489. On October 1 Alfreton are

running a Derby County Past, Present and Future night at the Station Inn. Should be an unusual Thursday night for those lucky enough to be there.

Diary dates from South East Derbyshire. Signing-on Night, Tuesday, September 29; Sports Forum, Tuesday, October 20; Individual quiz, Tuesday November 17. All at the White Lion, Sawley (8pm). On Saturday November 28 S.E. Derbyshire are holding a Christmas party at Petersham Hall, Long Eaton. Mark the date in your diary. In the New Year they plan other events, including a trip to London and Wembley Stadium.

Don't forget South Peak's Horse racing on film night at the Fishpond Hotel, Matlock Bath, on Sunday October 4. Bookies and Tote will be there to gobble up your stake money or pay out your winnings. A highlight night, not to be missed.

Belper have a Signing-on night and social coming up at their Milford British Legion h.q., but this column hasn't yet got the date.

NOTE: Send diary entries direct to the editor at 1, Richmond Terrace, Brunswick Road, Matlock Bath, for prompt inclusion. Entry guaranteed if seven days notice is given, but later details will be included where possible.

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IN THE LEICESTER issue I commented on the difficulty most football followers have in finding a drink and a bite to eat around football grounds these days.

Events in Norway illustrated quite clearly why this is so. Yet again a few hotheads have let down the vast majority of decent followers of this great game of ours.

It made me stop and think how senseless such behaviour is, and to wonder exactly what these clowns get out of it. Do they really feel better to wear their war wounds as red badges of courage, and to inflict mayhem on innocent bystanders?

I cringe wherever and whoever hits the headlines with this mindless behaviour. Generally because wherever is the stage, and whoever is involved, it brings a stain on the character of football that is hard to remove.

I feel sorry for the Norwegians who have had to suffer this latest outburst. They have long been admirers and followers of the British game, it is widely televised there, and

IT ALL KEPT HIM AWAKE



DUE TO the team's mascot before the Leicester game, 10 years old Richard Astle (above) from Elvaston couldn't sleep for a fortnight or so beforehand.

"I was nervous I'd turn out to be a jinx," he admitted afterwards. "But I proved to be a lucky mascot." You certainly did, son.

Richard is a member of our Headquarters branch which has a wide-ranging social and soccer programme for youngsters.

MASCOT IS FROM HEANOR

TONIGHT'S mascot is 11 years old Kennedy Wright of the Heanor Branch.

Our young fans are well catered for here, so why not drop a line to Tom Carr, 30 Starthe Bank if you live in the Heanor area and want to know more. Kennedy is a central defender and captain of Heanor Under 12's and also plays for Mundy Street School.

The mascot's replica kit is supplied by Partick UK. You can get kitted out for under £10 at the Ramtique.

the Rams have sufficient following in that country to have a supporters club branch.

A chap from Derby was quoted in the *Daily Telegraph* as having witnessed wrestlers employed as stewards 'twisting the arms, making them squeal, and then holding them steady for the press photographs' whenever there was a disturbance.

What a great pity the Norwegians had to take such precautions, and to feel it newsworthy. It shows clearly that not only what is good in our game is spreading over the airwaves, but the canker that is feeding on it is now synonymous with British football.

Should we qualify for Spain, and we haven't QUALIFIED for a World Cup for 20 years, my heart goes out to the Spanish. I love Spain, and have spent many a happy holiday there.

At one time you could use the football team you support to locate your home town. Their pennants and scarves were sought after souvenirs. Now they are not displayed in case they attract the kind of person they believe each and every English football follower to be from the incidents they see reported in the media.

They are busily working in Spain to present the greatest football spectacular in the world. Do part of their plans involve how to deal with the hooligan element? Will everyone again be tarred with the same rotten brush?

I asked in my last column for your views on the subject, and whether you think it affects people's visits to games at the Baseball Ground. I hope to print the first batch very soon. If you send in a photograph we'll print that, too.

I have no need to remind you we place great store on good behaviour, and that is why we carefully choose the wording on our Junior Rams membership certificates. Home or away you are ambassadors for Derby County.

I know you will always make sure your behaviour is a credit, not an embarrassment, to the club. We believe we have young fans to be proud of in the Junior Rams.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS to Per Persson and Robert Griffiths on September 21; Colin Vickers (25th).



Junior fans COLUMN*

UP TO now young Rams fans 14 and under have had no place to voice their opinions. Now this column, beginning the edition after next, will let the adults know what you think. Send your letters to me c/o the Baseball Ground.

WE BRANCH ALL OVER

THE MAJORITY of our members, and we had a record number last year, join the Junior Rams direct through the Baseball Ground.

When we have processed their applications we pass them on to our branches so they have some indication of the numbers of interested youngsters in their area. They can then add them to those who join through the branch secretaries who organise events at local level for Junior Rams, details of which we publish regularly in this column. So we keep everyone in touch with what is happening on their doorsteps as well as here centrally.

In the Leicester issue Ernie Hallam published a list of branch secretaries of the Supporters Clubs. Although they are only too delighted to answer queries re Junior Rams, most branches have separate organisers for youngsters' activities. I am listing them here so you can get in touch direct for up-to-the-minute information.

I have indicated those who run Under 12 and Under 14 teams in our football leagues, as this is the main type of enquiry I get in my postbag.

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ALFRETON: Mrs. Hazel Bark, 11 York Ave., Jacksdale, Notts.

ASHBOURNE: Chris Harrison, 12 Tufnall Gardens, Mackworth, Derby (U12, U14).

BELPER: Mrs. Gloria Smith, 13 Belper Road, Holbrook (U12, U14).

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LONDON: Miss Theresa Wightman, 8 Chilton Close, Chelmsford, Essex.

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Behind the Rams scene

by Mike Wilson



IT'S BEEN a funny start. Dreadful performances mixed in with useful ones and now two very impressive shows indeed.

The Rams didn't field an unchanged team until last Saturday. Changes were made for each successive fixture following Orient on the opening day till then. But there is one bright spot. The changes made so far have not been effected through injury.

Breaking about even points-wise at the start of a season is not a bad thing. It generally guarantees that a team is neither up with promotion challenges from the start nor with the relegation candidates. It gives the team something to build on in order to climb into promotion reckoning.

At this stage of a season a few wins strung together, or a few losses, can make all the difference. Should the Rams suffer a few consecutive defeats now, they would obviously dip into trouble.

If the reverse were to happen, then they will be setting their sights on a position in the top three. With six points at stake, the two home games against Bolton Wanderers

(tonight) and Queens Park Rangers (Saturday) even assume greater importance.

Last season after a disastrous opening game against Cambridge United we went on to win four of the next five league fixtures. The only point dropped came in the home draw with Blackburn. In between there were two draws with QPR in the League Cup. So in playing terms the Rams went seven matches without defeat.

Consecutive victories were not achieved again until Christmas and New Year. Despite being beaten in the F.A. Cup at Bristol for the second successive season the Rams, either side of those games, managed three consecutive League victories, two before and one after.

But they were the only highlights. Injuries and suspensions once more upset the endeavour to gain the necessary consistency to push into a promotion place.

In the relegation season of 1979-80, the Rams suffered at the start. After a draw at the Hawthorns they lost the next three League fixtures plus a

NAME OF THIS GAME MUST BE CONSISTENCY

home game in the League Cup without, in cricketing parlance "troubling the scorers". Five games without a goal was grim indeed. The Christmas/New Year period proved disastrous. They lost to Manchester City (away), Coventry and Liverpool at home.

Following a draw at Everton, Rams lost five more consecutive League games, plus the 2-6 debacle at Bristol in the FA Cup. As they slumped further into the relegation mire, they did not achieve consecutive victories again. But two consecutive defeats happened only once more.

This state of affairs is in stark contrast to the League Championship season of 1971-72 when the Rams started with 12 games without defeat: Five games were won, with seven draws.

The great factor about that start was that the ball was being directed into the back of the net regularly. In those 12 games the Rams scored 20 times and conceded only nine. They achieved three consecutive victories in October/November defeating Arsenal and Palace at home, with a 2-0 victory away at Nottingham Forest in between. Forest, beaten 4-0 in the return match, started a run of five consecutive victories which

ended with a draw 1-1 at Stoke. This was followed by two more wins against Palace and Leeds before they went down to Newcastle at the Baseball Ground on Easter Monday 1972.

Are the current Rams beginning to suggest they might be able to reproduce just this sort of form in this season's Second Division?

In 1972 the run meant the Rams had dropped only three points in nine games, with seven victories to their credit.

The only defeat in the final six matches came at Maine Road Manchester City won 2-0, the season being completed by that fine victory over Liverpool at the Baseball Ground.

It is that sort of consistency the Rams are aiming for now.

They kept 23 clean sheets that season when Bernie Boulton kept goal. Roger Jones must dream of that sort of defence around him.

BUT IT'S THE QUALITY OF THE DEFENCE IN FRONT NOW WHICH WILL, I FEEL BE THE DECIDING FACTOR IN DERBY'S CONSISTENCY BID THIS SEASON.

Last Saturday they suggested there is a real tough fibre emerging there. They put up a great show. Now can they keep it up?

WELL, THEY SAY HE HAS A FIGHT ON HIS HANDS!



WE CREPT UP to get this shot of Colin Addison doing exercises on his own at Raynesway last Friday morning. Well, they say he has a fight on his hands, but he has pleased the *Sunday People*, at least. Their reporter said of his team last weekend: "This Derby side have many of the virtues that made the club great in the Brian Clough era — an outstanding centre back combination to win the ball, and simple but intelligent inter-passing." It's rumoured that Colin was singing "If I only have time . . ." as Peter Clarke crept up on him to get the picture!

Young Player

PROFILE

Making up for lost time

GLEN SKIVINGTON, 19 years old from Barrow, is just about recapturing the form he lost when glandular fever put him out of action for nine weeks earlier in the year.

"It left me weak, cost me not far short of a stone, and put me back months", he says ruefully. A year ago last weekend he made an impressive first team debut in midfield at Grimsby, but subsequently lost his place. "I reckon I probably came in too quickly, but I also reckon I could have won back a place but for my illness," he says. "I could have learned to pace myself week after week."

But now in the Reserves, Glen is producing the form that caught chief scout Alan Ashman's eye when he saw him playing for Barrow in the Northern Premier League. "I rate that lad to make the grade" said the former Albion manager, who has 'sussed' out more than one likely newcomer to the Rams' ranks in the last couple of years.

Says Reserve coach Richie Norman: "Another case of our bad luck, is Glen. Who can say where



he might have been now, but for that terrible glandular fever attack. It put him back months, but we can see all the skills, and his instinct on the ball, rippling back. Glen's early show last season wasn't a fluke, I can tell you that. Watch out for him working his way back into the first team. I am concentrating now on his strength, to get a bit more aggression into his game."

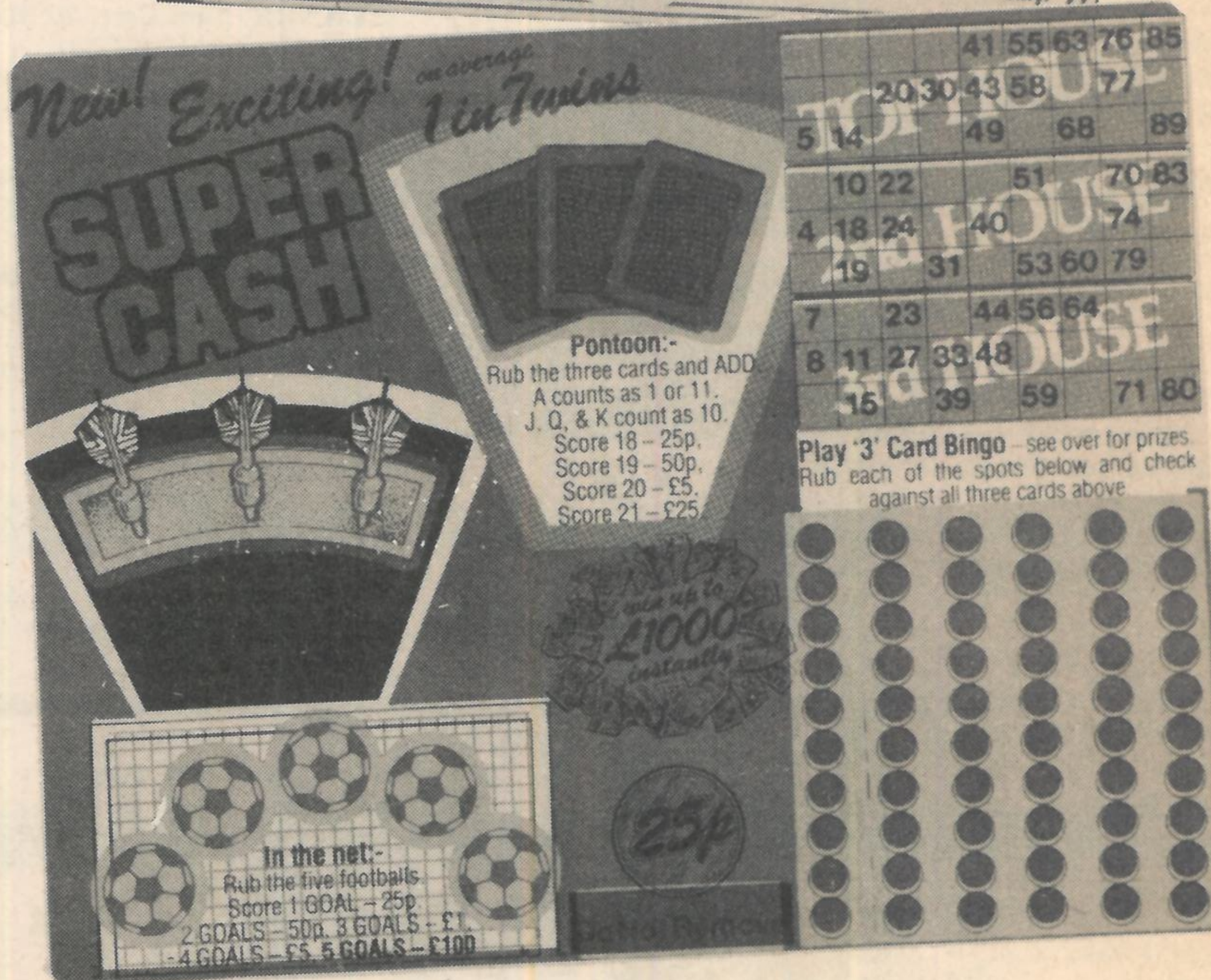
Skivington was born in Barrow, Lancs in 1962, and played for Barrow Grammar School and Cumbria Boys. It is a rugby county, but Glen yearned for soccer. When he moved on to a rugby playing college to study for "A" levels he signed for Barrow as a part-time pro. "That's where Alan Ashman saw me with the subsequent offer from Rams. I jumped at the chance."

"I knew little about League football, thought everyone at Derby would be budding super-stars, and who is to say they aren't? I found everyone at the club so very friendly I was in the first team within weeks, because our injury problems left no-one else. It was too early for me, but I learned one hell of a lot, and I think I would have been back but for my illness. I wasn't consistent enough, then, but injuries left the team in ribbons week in and week out. You need to play together to win together."

"Give our lads that chance, and we'll open a few eyes, I am certain. I'm working like the devil to earn another first team chance . . ."

Says Richie: "When he gets it next time I reckon Glen will grab the opportunity with both feet." Don't say you weren't warned . . .

IT'S HERE THE NEW LOOK



From G. Hallam. Rams Supp. Assoc. Osmaston Road, Derby.

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FOOTBALL LEAGUE, F.A. CUP, LEAGUE CUP

KEY: Home fixtures in block capitals; Scorers in black; w/inj. withdrawn injured; w. withdrawn; s/o sent off, o/g own goal.

Fixture	Att.	Res.	Pts.	Pos	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Aug 29 ORIENT	12,423	1-2	0	—	Jones	Coop	Richards	Powell (S)	Ramage	Hector	Spooner	Reid	Wilson (W)	Swindlehurst	Emson	Emery (72)
Sept 1 Cambridge U	5,071	2-1	3	—	Jones	Coop	Richards	Powell (S)	Ramage	Spooner	Emery	Reid	Hector	Swindlehurst	Buckley	—
5 Shrewsbury T.	4,373	1-4	3	17	Jones	Coop	Richards	Powell (S)	Ramage	Spooner (W)	Emery	Reid	Hector	Swindlehurst	Buckley	Emson (65)
12 LEICESTER C	16,046	3-1	6	12	Jones	Coop	Buckley (1)	Powell (S)	Ramage (1)	Powell (B)	Emery	Reid	Hector (1)	Swindlehurst	Emson	—
19 Sheffield Weds.	23,764	1-1	7	9	Jones	Coop	Buckley	Powell (S)	Ramage	Powell (S) (1)	Emery	Reid	Hector (W)	Swindlehurst	Emson	Wilson (66)

	23	BOLTON W
	26	Q.P.R.
Oct	3	Charlton Ath.
	7	WEST HAM (L/Cup 2)
	10	Newcastle U.
	17	BLACKBURN R.
	24	Palace
	28	West Ham (L/Cup 2)
	31	GRIMSBY T.
Nov	7	Luton Town
	14	WREXHAM
	21	Norwich C.
	25	CAMBRIDGE U.
	28	CHELSEA
Dec	2	League Cup (4)
	5	Cardiff C
	12	OLDHAM A.
	19	Watford
	26	BARNSELEY
	28	Rotherham
Jan	2	F.A. Cup Third Round
	9	SHREWSBURY T.
	13	League Cup (5)
	16	Orient
	23	F.A. Cup (4)
	30	SHEFFIELD WEDS.
Feb	3	League Cup S/F (1)
	6	Leicester C.
	10	League Cup S/F (2)
	13	CHARLTON (F.A.5)
	20	Q.P.R.
	27	NEWCASTLE U
March	6	Blackburn R (F.A.6)
	13	PALACE (L.C. Final)
	20	Grimsby T.
	27	LUTON T.
April	3	Wrexham (F.A. S/F)
	10	Barnsley
	12	ROTHERHAM U.
	17	NORWICH C.
	24	Chelsea
May	1	CARDIFF C.
	4	Bolton W
	8	Oldham A.
	15	WATFORD
	22	F.A. Cup Final

OPINION

A LOT has been said, both in this paper and others, about Derby's lowest gate for 14 years against Orient, and the fact that only 16,046 were here for our last home match against local rivals Leicester.

YES, DEPRESSING, when you compare our gates of yesteryear. But amazing, really amazing, when one considers that League gates fell 100,000 below last year's miserable returns after only two Saturdays.

YES, AMAZING, when you consider that 16,000-odd was higher than three First Division returns: Coventry v Leeds 13,065; Middlesbrough v Birmingham 13,189 and Swansea v Notts 14,391. Wolves v Spurs attracted only 1,800 or so more, and even the Forest v West Brom Midlands

'derby' could raise no more than 22,618.

If that doesn't convince football generally that it must buck its ideas up and face up to the fact that it has a survival fight on its hands, then goodness knows what will.

Some Second Division gates really are appalling and one wonders just how much the away club share at some places is going to be. Derby County have already had to pocket "shares of just under £1,000 twice. That sort of money can hardly be expected to cover a fortnight's overheads and travel costs, let alone help to pay wages. Survival in this Second Division is the financial name of the game for any club with First Division aspirations.

That's why Derby County must pay tribute, and do, to their loyal hard-core which is still a sizeable 13,000 despite all the temptations fate has

OUR FANS DON'T GET ENOUGH CREDIT

strewn in the path. Yes, we say 13,000 and mean it. Only 2,400 Leicester fans paid for the visiting enclosure ten days ago, and fewer than 500 bought seats to leave a Derby hard-core 13,000-plus who turned out to cheer on the team at our last home match.

This, despite a pretty awful Rams start, a fruity ITV programme the night before which gave future Rams' prospects a pretty unequivocal thumbs-down, and a succession of bad publicity traumas which suggested the club was sliding to rock bottom.

Maybe they still might. Who knows? This piece is not attempting to judge the critics ... merely to thank heavens for the hard-core 13,000 who say buzz off (or words to that effect) to the whole bunch of Jeremiahs, and keep turning up to shout "Come on, you Rams".

FIRST LEAGUE												SECOND LEAGUE											
ASTON VILLA (1)	2	CHELSEA (0)	2	BARNSELEY (1)	2	NORWICH (0)	3	ASTON VILLA (1)	2	CHELSEA (0)	2	BARNSELEY (1)	2	NORWICH (0)	3	ASTON VILLA (1)	2	CHELSEA (0)	2	BARNSELEY (1)	2	NORWICH (0)	3
50,000—Drinks water, Palace, etc.		Spence 2		7,000—Chivers, Harper, Vane, etc.		13,324—Embleton, Bruce, etc.		50,000—Drinks water, Palace, etc.		Spence 2		7,000—Chivers, Harper, Vane, etc.		13,324—Embleton, Bruce, etc.		50,000—Drinks water, Palace, etc.		Spence 2		7,000—Chivers, Harper, Vane, etc.		13,324—Embleton, Bruce, etc.	
BOLTON (0)	3	M'CHESTER C. (1)	3	BRADFORD C. (1)	2	BLACKPOOL (0)	1	BOLTON (0)	3	M'CHESTER C. (1)	3	BRADFORD C. (1)	2	BLACKPOOL (0)	1	BOLTON (0)	3	M'CHESTER C. (1)	3	BRADFORD C. (1)	2	BLACKPOOL (0)	1
45,000—Westwood 2, etc.		Tison, Brook 2		13,324—Embleton, Bruce, etc.		1,000—L. gains, etc.		45,000—Westwood 2, etc.		Tison, Brook 2		13,324—Embleton, Bruce, etc.		1,000—L. gains, etc.		45,000—Westwood 2, etc.		Tison, Brook 2		13,324—Embleton, Bruce, etc.		1,000—L. gains, etc.	
BRENTFORD (1)	1	SUNDERLAND (2)	5	BURNLEY (0)	1	BRADFORD (0)	1	BRENTFORD (1)	1	SUNDERLAND (2)	5	BURNLEY (0)	1	BRADFORD (0)	1	BRENTFORD (1)	1	SUNDERLAND (2)	5	BURNLEY (0)	1	BRADFORD (0)	1
20,000—Hopkins, etc.		Gunter 2, Duns, Carter, etc.		1,000—L. gains, etc.		13,324—Embleton, Bruce, etc.		20,000—Hopkins, etc.		Gunter 2, Duns, Carter, etc.		1,000—L. gains, etc.		13,324—Embleton, Bruce, etc.		20,000—Hopkins, etc.		Gunter 2, Duns, Carter, etc.		1,000—L. gains, etc.		13,324—Embleton, Bruce, etc.	
DERBY (1)	2	BIRMINGHAM (1)	2	CHARLTON (1)	1	SHEFFIELD U. (0)	1	DERBY (1)	2	BIRMINGHAM (1)	2	CHARLTON (1)	1	SHEFFIELD U. (0)	1	DERBY (1)	2	BIRMINGHAM (1)	2	CHARLTON (1)	1	SHEFFIELD U. (0)	1
20,000—Nether, Bowers, etc.		Udal, own goal, Harris, etc.		13,324—Embleton, Bruce, etc.		1,000—L. gains, etc.		20,000—Nether, Bowers, etc.		Udal, own goal, Harris, etc.		13,324—Embleton, Bruce, etc.		1,000—L. gains, etc.		20,000—Nether, Bowers, etc.		Udal, own goal, Harris, etc.		13,324—Embleton, Bruce, etc.		1,000—L. gains, etc.	
EVERTON (0)	0	ARSENAL (0)	2	FULHAM (2)	0	LEICESTER (0)	0	EVERTON (0)	0	ARSENAL (0)	2	FULHAM (2)	0	LEICESTER (0)	0	EVERTON (0)	0	ARSENAL (0)	2	FULHAM (2)	0	LEICESTER (0)	0
10,000—L. gains, etc.		Drake, Baslin, etc.		12,000—Hammond, Perry, etc.		13,324—Embleton, Bruce, etc.		10,000—L. gains, etc.		Drake, Baslin, etc.		12,000—Hammond, Perry, etc.		13,324—Embleton, Bruce, etc.		10,000—L. gains, etc.		Drake, Baslin, etc.		12,000—Hammond, Perry, etc.		13,324—Embleton, Bruce, etc.	
HUDDERSFIELD (1)	2	STOKE (0)	1	HULL (0)	2	SOUTHAMPTON (1)	2	HUDDERSFIELD (1)	2	STOKE (0)	1	HULL (0)	2	SOUTHAMPTON (1)	2	HUDDERSFIELD (1)	2	STOKE (0)	1	HULL (0)	2	SOUTHAMPTON (1)	2
10,000—L. gains, etc.		Johnson, etc.		6,000—Holmes, Sharp, etc.		13,324—Embleton, Bruce, etc.		10,000—L. gains, etc.		Johnson, etc.		6,000—Holmes, Sharp, etc.		13,324—Embleton, Bruce, etc.		10,000—L. gains, etc.		Johnson, etc.		6,000—Holmes, Sharp, etc.		13,324—Embleton, Bruce, etc.	
MIDDLESB'Y (3)	6	BLACKBURN (0)	1	MANCHESTER U. (2)	2	WEST HAM (1)	3	MIDDLESB'Y (3)	6	BLACKBURN (0)	1	MANCHESTER U. (2)	2	WEST HAM (1)	3	MIDDLESB'Y (3)	6	BLACKBURN (0)	1	MANCHESTER U. (2)	2	WEST HAM (1)	3
10,000—L. gains, etc.		Thompson, etc.		13,324—Embleton, Bruce, etc.		1,000—L. gains, etc.		10,000—L. gains, etc.		Thompson, etc.		13,324—Embleton, Bruce, etc.		1,000—L. gains, etc.		10,000—L. gains, etc.		Thompson, etc.		13,324—Embleton, Bruce, etc.		1,000—L. gains, etc.	
PORTSMOUTH (1)	2	LEEDS (1)	2	NEWCASTLE (2)	2	DONCASTER (0)	1	PORTSMOUTH (1)	2	LEEDS (1)	2	NEWCASTLE (2)	2	DONCASTER (0)	1	PORTSMOUTH (1)	2	LEEDS (1)	2	NEWCASTLE (2)	2	DONCASTER (0)	1
10,000—L. gains, etc.		Duggan, Furness, etc.		13,324—Embleton, Bruce, etc.		1,000—L. gains, etc.		10,000—L. gains, etc.		Duggan, Furness, etc.		13,324—Embleton, Bruce, etc.		1,000—L. gains, etc.		10,000—L. gains, etc.		Duggan, Furness, etc.		13,324—Embleton, Bruce, etc.		1,000—L. gains, etc.	
PRESTON (0)	3	W. BROMWICH (0)	0	PLYMOUTH (2)	3	NOTT'M F. (1)	1	PRESTON (0)	3	W. BROMWICH (0)	0	PLYMOUTH (2)	3	NOTT'M F. (1)	1	PRESTON (0)	3	W. BROMWICH (0)	0	PLYMOUTH (2)	3	NOTT'M F. (1)	1
10,000—L. gains, etc.		McDonald, etc.		13,324—Embleton, Bruce, etc.		1,000—L. gains, etc.		10,000—L. gains, etc.		McDonald, etc.		13,324—Embleton, Bruce, etc.		1,000—L. gains, etc.		10,000—L. gains, etc.		McDonald, etc.		13,324—Embleton, Bruce, etc.		1,000—L. gains, etc.	
SHEFFIELD W. (1)	3	GRIMSBY (0)	0	PORT VALE (0)	0	SWANSEA (1)	1	SHEFFIELD W. (1)	3	GRIMSBY (0)	0	PORT VALE (0)	0	SWANSEA (1)	1	SHEFFIELD W. (1)	3	GRIMSBY (0)	0	PORT VALE (0)	0	SWANSEA (1)	1
10,000—L. gains, etc.		Stirling, etc.		7,000—Pearson, Smith, etc.		13,324—Embleton, Bruce, etc.		10,000—L. gains, etc.		Stirling, etc.		7,000—Pearson, Smith, etc.		13,324—Embleton, Bruce, etc.		10,000—L. gains, etc.		Stirling, etc.		7,000—Pearson, Smith, etc.		13,324—Embleton, Bruce, etc.	
WOLVES (1)	3	LIVERPOOL (0)	1	TOTTENHAM (1)	4	BURY (3)	3	WOLVES (1)	3	LIVERPOOL (0)	1	TOTTENHAM (1)	4	BURY (3)	3	WOLVES (1)	3	LIVERPOOL (0)	1	TOTTENHAM (1)	4	BURY (3)	3
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A Sunday People scores and attendance chart from November 17, 1935, when Rams were second in Division One. Note the 25,000 gate at the Baseball Ground, and Bolton's 45,000. But Second Division gates weren't so hot then, either.

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CENTRAL LEAGUE

Sept 2 BURNLEY	1-0	Banovic	Lovatt	Harbey	Skivington (W)	Banks	Osgood	Sheridan	Hill	Clayton	Dalziel	Gibson	King (84)
5 LEEDS U.	2-3	Banovic	Lovatt	Harbey	Skivington	Sheridan	Osgood	King	Wilson	Clayton	Dalziel (W)	Gibson	Hill A (76) o.g.
12 Liverpool	1-4	Cherry	Lovatt	Richards	Skivington	Sheridan	Osgood	Spooner	Hill	Clayton	Dalziel	Gibson	
14 STOKE C.	0-3	Cherry	Lovatt	Richards	Skivington	Sheridan	Osgood	King (W)	Spooner	Clayton	Hill	Gibson	Wilson (69)
19 SHEFFIELD W.	4-2	Cherry	Lovatt	Richards	Skivington	Sheridan	Osgood	Gamble (2)	Spooner	Clayton (1)	Hill (1)	Gibson	

Oct 30 Preston N.E.		Rams Res 0 Stoke Res 3		Liv'pl Res 4 Rams 1	
2 Sheff Utd.		A disjointed performance with positive showings from Aiden Gibson who always had the opposition worried, from striker Andy Hill and from Glenn Skivington in patches. But in defence, especially, there were some glaring problems on the night.		DERBY County's new 20 years old former Kimberley Town striker Andy Hill not only looked one of the outstanding players on the park but always had Liverpool Reserves' rearguard on tenterhooks in face of his long-striding ball play, despite their 4-1 dominance. Rams battled well but two late on-defensive errors spoiled the effect. Hill got the goal.	
10 BLACKBURN R.					
17 Man City					
19 SHEFF UTD.					
24 COVENTRY C.					
Nov 2 BURY					
7 ASTON VILLA					
14 Wolves					
21 EVERTON					
24 Burnley					
28 Bolton W.					
Dec 5 HUDDERSFIELD T.					
12 Newcastle U					
16 Forest					
19 WEST BROM					
Jan 6 Leeds U					
16 Bury					
30 Sheff Weds.					
Feb 6 LIVERPOOL					
20 MAN UNITED					
27 Blackburn R.					
Mar 6 MAN CITY					
16 Coventry C.					
20 BLACKPOOL					
27 Aston Villa					
Apr 3 WOLVES					
7 FOREST					
12 Stoke C.					
17 Everton					
24 BOLTON W.					
May 1 Huddersfield T.					
5 PRESTON N.E.					
8 NEWCASTLE U.					
15 West Brom					

MIDLAND INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE

Aug 29 ASTON VILLA	2-0	Nov 7 Wolves	
5 Birmingham C.	1-0	14 WEST BROM	
12 SHREWSBURY T.	1-2	21 Stoke C.	
19 MANSFIELD T.	2-0	28 Shrewsbury T.	
28 WOLVES		Dec 12 BIRMINGHAM C.	
		12 WOLVES	
		Jan 9 Mansfield T.	
		16 Aston Villa	
		23 Stoke C.	
		30 LEICESTER C.	
		Feb 6 Walsall	
		13 Forest	

ALWAYS enjoying the edge against a far more experienced visiting side. Rams won the game with two goals in the later stages.

The second came from their outstanding player, Ian Mulholland, in the last minute. He has now scored in every match this season. Shackleton scored the opening goal 12 minutes from the end from a Mulholland pass.

This was a fine team performance all round, with young Palmer in goal producing two really fine saves late on when Mansfield piled on the pressure to get an equaliser.

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Derby County "A"
Shrewsbury "A"

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FAST becoming Rams' bogies at all levels — that's Shrewsbury. After being outclassed for spells at Raynesway ten days ago, they went away with a last-minute winner from a corner.

Shrewsbury player-manager Graham Turner turned out for his side, which included several Town

reserves. "It was experience that beat our lads," said coach Ron Webster. "The lads played very well and didn't deserve to lose." Mulholland scored Derby's goal.

Rams "A": Banovic, Murphy, Harbey, Collins (J), Banks, Blades, Halford, Bird, Shackleton, Mulholland, Ball. Sub: Mihich.

NORTH EASTERN Ian Mulholland, now in his second and last year as an apprentice, is at last showing his real form. Three goals in as many games merely emphasise his lethal qualities round the box ... qualities missing most of last year.

"I thought my early impression of him, which led to Ian's coming here, must have been wrong," Youth Officer Geoff Worth told us. "I was worried, but now it's all coming through."

Youth Coach Ron Webster always sensed the quality hidden below the surface, found that Ian was missing his mates and the North East. He kept working on his talents. 'Ron's patience and understanding brought Ian through a bad patch.

Spotlight on the visitors



RAM-ROD!

KEEP TROTTING YOU TROTTERS

WE BECAME a bit blustery at the Baseball Ground when the critics ignored the injury glut, and the sheer bad luck, which hit us for some four years, culminating in relegation and last season's continued hammer blows in all directions.

There are folk who love to kick when you're down, ignore reasons for problems as mere excuses, revel in it. Bolton have been recent victims of what Derby have had to absorb as the glory days faded away, and we prefer to sympathise and understand their injury and bad-run-of-the ball blows.

No need for us to go here into all the problems the Trotters have had to face. Suffice to say, as fans of another club who has had all Bolton have suffered and perhaps more: we trust the ball will start to run more kindly for Bolton soon.

But this isn't one of their favourite grounds

IN 15 LEAGUE visits since the war Bolton have only twice gone away with victories, and twice with a draw. All the other 11 clashes have ended in home wins including six in the last seven matches.

The exception was a 2-2 draw in 1966-7. Since then Rams have won all five games here between the clubs, scoring 15 goals and conceding only two. Baseball Ground clashes between Rams and The Trotters are usually ripe with goals. The 15 post-war League clashes have yielded 58 — 40 of them from Derby.

So let us hope last season's dour, mainly sterile clash which Rams rather undeservedly won 1-nil, was just an exception not proving the rule.

RAMS: Jones, Emery, Buckley, Powell (S), Osgood, Ramage, Clark, Powell (B), Biley, Swindlehurst, Emson. Sub: Wilson.

YES, THEY'RE GOING A-WANDERING, BUT DON'T WRITE BOLTON OFF YET...

By PHIL TWEED

EARLY RESULTS left Bolton at the foot of the League and pointless, but the usual Prophets of Gloom who instantly gathered, ignored a few vital factors.

(a) *There's been nowt wrong with their football that a good goal or two wouldn't galvanise.*

(b) *They've not been getting much run of the ball.*

Peter Reid's broken leg at Barnsley and Brian Kidd's sending off ten days ago was typical of the injury and other luck which has troubled the Trotters. They'll have to fight that one themselves.

Manager George Mulhall has been working away in the transfer market to improve his goal-shy attack. "It's early days and I now know what I need," says it all. "If my striker Mark Aizlewood played every week as he did against Bolton then the lad could walk through a window any time."

THE comment by Luton boss Dave Pleat after his side's 2-1 win at Burnden two weeks ago, says it all. "If my striker Mark Aizlewood played every week as he did against Bolton then the lad could walk through a window any time."

Pleat was referring to Aizlewood's misfortune a few days earlier when the player walked into and through a plate glass window. But although

heavily bandaged, Mark proceeded to win a game for the Hatters that had appeared lost to a stylish Bolton side only unable to supply the finishing touch.

The Burnden supporters may well conclude that the pattern of last season continues, when inconsistency led to their finishing the season in an unflattering 18th place, and openly admitting that they were their own worst enemies.

Wanderers have suffered more than most clubs over recent years, through their misfortune to be situated on the fringe of two major city clubs, neither of which, though, is able to boast the far-reaching soccer history associated with Burnden Park.

The fifth League goal scored by Bolton this season will be their 5,000th since becoming one of the founder-members of the Football League in 1888, 14 years after their formation.

Until 1911, the club moved regularly between the First and Second Divisions. Then came a 53 year spell with Bolton as a First Division club, interrupted only by two seasons in the Second Division from 1933-35.

If the early part of the century favoured The 'Trotters', then the

twenties were even kinder as the now-famous Lancashire club successfully contested the first-ever Wembley F.A. Cup Final, and returned at regular intervals to lift the Cup in 1926 and 1929, without conceding a goal on any of the three occasions.

Although the League title has never been won by Wanderers, their Cup exploits were to continue into the fifties.

They had the misfortune to lose to Blackpool in the 1953 'Matthews final', but easily beat a decimated post-Munich Manchester United side five years later.

This success remains their most recent major honour as Wanderers became one of the geographical victims under the abolition of the maximum wage, and who depended solely upon local support. The year 1971 brought Third Division football to Burnden Park — albeit for only two seasons. There followed a brief revival culminating in First Division status being regained in 1978.

In 1980 they suffered relegation again — in company with the Rams and Bristol City to set the seal on a decade which had finished almost as disappointingly as it had begun.

BOLTON WANDERERS



Rams beat Bolton 1-nil on their last visit here — on August 30 last year. A defender mis-kicked, the ball cued back to David Swindlehurst who ran on to crack home past the helpless keeper (top left). He picks the ball out of the net (above) doubtless ruminating that Wanderers lost here 4-nil the season before in Division One.

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PUTTING IT STRAIGHT ON ROY MAC

AS SOMEONE who earns a living in market research, I know only too well how statistics can be used to mislead.

Your comparison of Derby County's performances last season with and without Roy McFarland (issue one) was a classic example. In the 23 League games Roy played, Rams conceded 27 goals you said. That's an average of 1.17 goals per game.

In the 19 games with Roy out, you said (a printing error, I presume, represented this number as 15) the Rams also conceded 27 goals. An average of 1.42 goals per game.

Extrapolated over 42 games these figures indicate that Rams will concede 11 goals more without Roy McFarland than with him.

I realise the *Ram* has an obligation to be sycophantic rather than objective, but surely there is no need (or apparent reason) to demean one of Derby County's greatest every players.

John Roath, 85A Greenford Avenue, Hanwell, London, W7.

PS: Pity you won't have the courage to print this criticism. Yours is misplaced criticism, Mr. Roath. We appreciate the averages, said in our piece how much we'd all miss Roy round the place, and added: "The fact emerges there were twice the number of defeats when he was in the side."

It means we were crying in our soup at his departure, yet trying to hide the tears.

•• Sycophant: a toady.

New face, and an old



Jaka Banovic

I READ last week that the signing of Jaka Banovic the Yugoslav international keeper was not a success, and this week I see that Colin Addison has called in former England international goalkeeper Alan Hodgkinson to coach keepers. What's going on? — Peter Ross, Madison Avenue, Chaddesden.

* There has been no first team opportunity for either Jaka or the brilliant young Steve Cherry because of the form of Roger Jones. Don't take notice of comments on anyone's form unless they come from the Rams' management. Alan is coaching all three of our young goalkeepers, including apprentice Palmer. "It's a specialist job needing specialist coaching", says Colin Addison.

Hope springs eternal...

DERBY COUNTY are due for a change of luck this season, and success, I am certain. Look at Derbyshire's win in the Nat West cricket trophy to prove there is some talent in the county. I'm a member of the Junior Rams' London branch, and come up whenever I have the money and have seen both home matches this season. Steve Buckley's goal against Leicester was First Division class. Derby County are bound to win something this season, and I just hope I'm right. So all you locals, turn up to cheer 'em on rather than moan. You don't know how lucky you are to have Rams on your doorsteps —

Tim Russell (aged 14), 39 Castlemaine Ave., South Croydon, Surrey.



Billy Steel

MY GRANDFATHER keeps telling me to forget about stories of Peter Doherty being Derby's greatest inside forward. It was a Scot called Billy Steele just after the war, but he doesn't know much about him. Can you help? — Tom Penfold, Baker St., Alvaston (Pop side season ticket)

* Billy Steel (no 'e') was signed from Morton in 1947 and won 14 Scottish caps before being transferred to Dundee nearly four years later. A silky ball player, Billy was a Baseball Ground favourite but many thought he played his best football north of the border. He won 30 Scottish caps altogether. Most older fans prefer Doherty and Raich Carter, but Steel and Johnny Morris were two other greats.



Todd

Gemmill

Daly

James

Masson

Wicks

McCaffery

Hales

What would the present squad do against these ex Rams' line-ups?

HOW MANY other clubs can point to a complete team of ex Rams in the First Division. And then another full team of ex Rams from the other three divisions.

Now there's a talking point for you. Or one that might make some of our fans a bit nostalgic, even a bit angry. Sort

out their positions yourself!

Apart from setting your readers thinking and talking maybe somebody will come up with one or two still playing that I've missed out. What would our present squad do against these line-ups I wonder?

My First Division team: Graham Moseley (Brighton),

David Langan (Birmingham), Colin Todd (Birmingham), Don Masson (Notts County), David Hunt (Notts County), Gerry Daly (Coventry), Archie Gemmill (Birmingham), John McGovern (Forest), Alan Biley (Everton), Leighton James (Swansea), Terry Curran (Sheffield Wednesday). Sub: Gerry Ryan (Brighton).

My other divisions team of ex

Rams:

Nigel Batch (Grimsby), Colin Griffin (Shrewsbury), Don O'Riordan (Preston), Jon Clark (Preston), Roy McFarland (Bradford City), Steve Wicks (Palace) Aiden McCaffery (Bristol Rovers), Derek Hales (Charlton), Alan Cork (Wimbledon), John Duncan (Scunthorpe), Andy Crawford (Blackburn). Sub: Andy Rowland (Swindon).

Views, please.

Kevin Machin, 819 High Street, Newhall, Burton-on-Trent.

You missed out one corker, Kevin, Phil Boyer of Manchester City; and when did Curran and Sheffield Wednesday go up into Division One?

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- 1 ROGER JONES
- 2 MICK COOP
- 3 STEVE BUCKLEY
- 4 STEVE POWELL
- 5 ALAN RAMAGE
- 6 BARRY POWELL
- 7 STEVE EMERY
- 8 TONY REID
- 9 KEVIN HECTOR
- 10 DAVID SWINDLEHURST
- 11 PAUL EMSON
- 12 KEVIN WILSON

Visitors team

- 1 **JIM McDONAGH**
Eire international, re-signed this summer after a year at Everton.
- 2 **TONY HENRY**
Signed for £125,000 from Man. City this week. Bolton debut tonight. Sub in the Cup Final.
- 3 **MIKE BENNETT**
Bolton-born. Member of England's Youth team who were European Champions last year.
- 4 **IAN BRENNAN**
Bargain £25,000 buy from Burnley last season for whom he made nearly 200 appearances.
- 5 **PAUL JONES**
Has been in the full England squad, but never capped.
- 6 **ALAN GOWLING**
Present Chairman of the Professional Footballers' Association. Formerly with Man. Utd. Cost £120,000 from Newcastle three seasons ago.
- 7 **CHRIS THOMPSON**
Joined Bolton from school, signed pro forms in 1977 England youth cap.
- 8 **BRIAN KIDD**
Formerly Man. United, City and Arsenal. Won two England caps.
- 9 **DAVID HOGGAN**
Former apprentice. Won a Scottish Under 21 cap last season.
- 10 **LEN CANTELLO**
Cost £350,000 from Albion two summers ago.
- 11 **MIKE CARTER**
Had a spell on loan with Mansfield. Debut 1979.
- 12 **PETER NICHOLSON**
Signed ten seasons ago from Blackpool. Utility player — anywhere man.

Half time scores

- A Blackburn v Cambridge U.
- B Chelsea v Charlton A.
- C Newcastle U. v Shrewsbury
- D Aston Villa v Stoke C.
- E Man. City v Leeds U.
- F Forest v Sunderland
- G Exeter v Bristol Rovers
- H Chester v Walsall
- J Lincoln C. v Millwall
- K Newport C. v Reading
- L Portsmouth v Oxford U.
- M Crewe A. v Bury
- N Hereford U. v Torquay U.

TICKET details for League Cup match against West Ham here on Oct 7. See advert on page 5.

...
AMERICAN boy Shane Amsler (see page 7) will perform on the pitch at half time.

...
HAS FRANK Gamble got his foot in the first team squad door with two goals against Wednesday Reserves on Saturday in first game after injury? Match report page 15.

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DERBY Boys meet Nottingham boys here on Monday Oct 12, kick off 7pm

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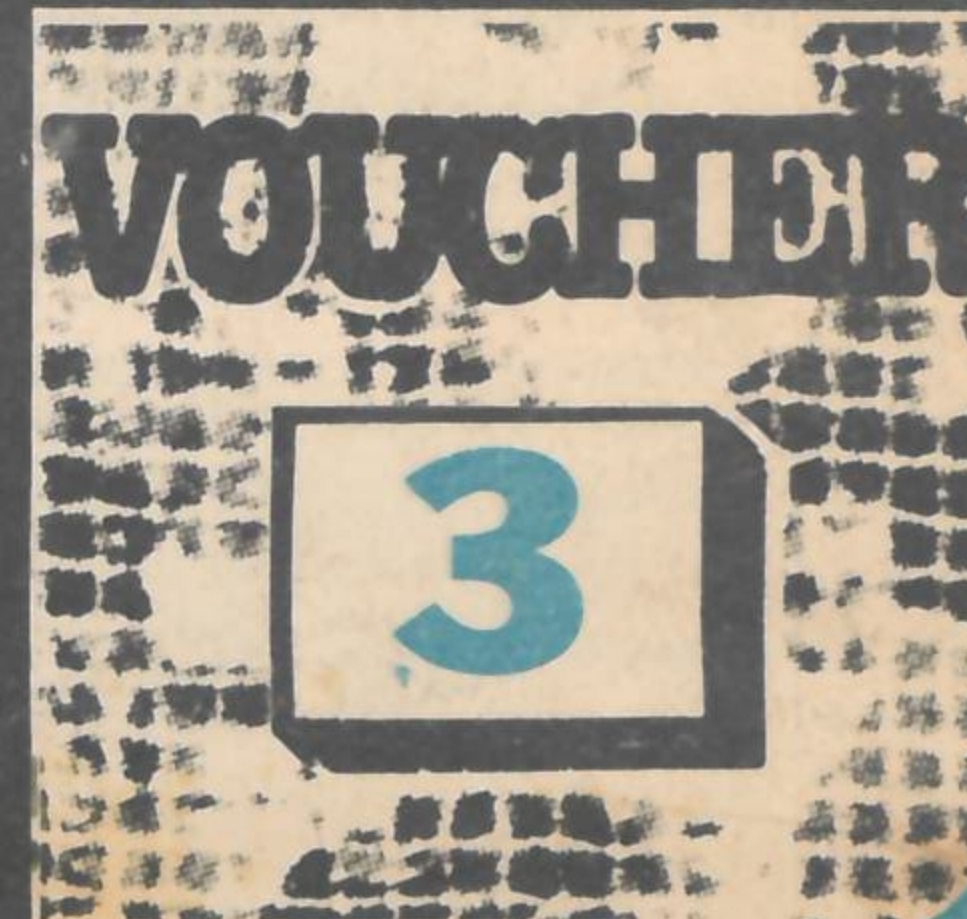
REFEREE: P. N. Willis (Co. Durham).
LINESMEN: H. R. Hall, Red Flag (Great Barr); B. K. Couldrey, Yellow flag (Dudley).

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